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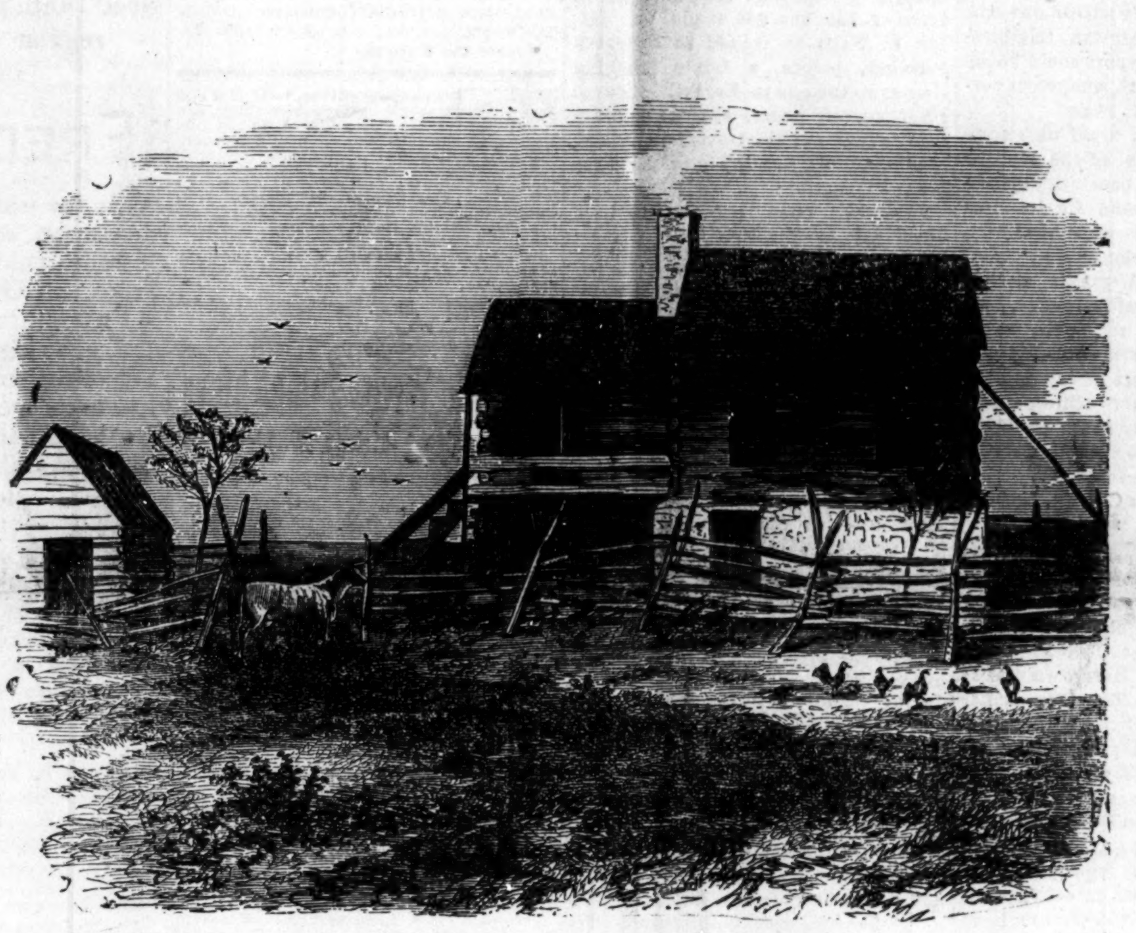

A RELIC OF JOHN BROWN.
One of his rendezvouses while planning the attack on Harper's Ferry. Reproduced by request.

"CURS YELP AT MY HEELS"

Says Dr. Henderson, "But Thank God the Bishops

And the Leading Brethren Are Ready to Forgive My Forwardness—An Eloquent Defense of His Course.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I have sense enough to know that there is neither popularity, promotion nor praise to be gained by the stand I have taken in certain matters of great interest to the church and race. I do know that such a course will draw down upon me severe censure and lasting enmity; that it will render it impossible for me to ever become a favorite of the "office giving" majority, etc. Therefore, let no one ever again do the injustice of charging my conduct to selfish motives, rather let all see how much sacrifice men may sometimes make to principle.

I resign all ambition, give up the pleasant hope of the loving friendship of the majorities and voluntarily set out in the rough and storm-beaten path of opprobrium. Why? Not for gain—there is nothing but loss, in the worldly sense, to be found. Then why? Because, just as God called Bishop Payne to his work, just as He has called Bishop Tanner to his, just as He has called the various men, great and small, to theirs; thus, I feel that He has assigned to me the rugged path that I have entered. My motives may be misunderstood or may even, at some hands, be misrepresented; my words may be given a meaning not intended, and my endeavors may not bring about the good that is sought, but I will have the consolation of knowing that I have done my duty, and can feel that God will pardon the unskillful methods that my blundering hands have unwittingly employed.

I confess that no one in the church could be less fitted for the work that I feel called to do, and none can be less worthy. It is with sorrow, regret and humility that I take my course. Would to God that I could have gone quietly on in the silent course of unenvied and unassailed prosperity. Brethren, you have sometimes taken the thorny path of unpopular duty, you know the cares, the sorrows, that lie along its course, pray for me that I look not back, that I may go on to the end, faithful and true. My loss will be your gain.

Somebody must speak out, or in a few years Bishop Turner's prophecy of the "throes of death" will be fulfilled.

It is pleasant to see that, notwithstanding the censure that falls upon the methods employed by your humble servant, the great church endorses the principles advocated. The only issue that exists relates to the expediency of resorting to the press. The evils complained of are clearly recognized, the reforms demanded are endorsed, but many of our most thoughtful men incline to think that all should have been silently done.

In justification of the opposite course, that of open publication, it cannot be said that there was indifference to these needs; it cannot be said that our leading men were not grappling with the problems of the hour; it can only be pleaded that public sentiment will lighten their task and hasten the consummation of the work that was undertaken long before the clarion voice of the press began urging it on.

To be pointed, long before a word was openly said about the Ridgel matter, decisive, earnest steps were being taken to undo the harm that was done and to depose the unfortunate brother from the position he occupied at so great injury to the cause of Christ. It was only by adventitious circumstances that the affair got into print. The publication of the matter did not begin the work, it was started long before.

At the very beginning, the Philadelphia brethren entered their protest and Dr. Derrick joined with them. The Bishops took their stand, firmly and nobly. The Missionary Board sustained them all. So the truth is that the church, from cellar to garrett, stood out against the appointment of a bigamist to the missionary field. But the stand was silently taken and Brother Ridgel was aggressively attacking all. Thus, his deposition would have assumed the appearance of persecution, but Providence ordered that he should presumptiously provoke such an exposure of the truth as to make the final decision far-reaching in its effect.

Look at it that way brethren, condemn me as the odious instrument, but rally to the principle at stake. I have nothing to say in reply to the abusive terms in which Brother Ridgel has spoken of me, except that I forgive him and sympathize with his misfortune and stand ready to give him my heart and hand, if he ever comes to the point and repents of his sins and undertakes to do right. I have no retort for the brethren who, not understanding the issue, have poured the vials of their wrath upon my head, except the assurance of possessing no ill-feeling toward them and the firm confidence that under the light of the full truth they will stand up for the right that is involved.

Brethren, you now have before you, (1) an appeal from Brother Ridgel's poor, deserted wife and deserted babes Read it In his mad folly our unfortunate brother has denounced her and denied the ties that bind him to her until death. Here is, therefore, proof of her truthfulness, (2) the marriage license and certificate. Our deluded brother has slandered the deserted woman's character. She whom he should protect, he first deserts and then slanders. He left her weeping and consoled her with the promise that he would send for her and her babes, but while she sat in her lonely home praying God to prosper her beloved husband, he was at the altar marrying another woman, in defiance of the laws of God and of man.

Here is an affidavit contradicting his slanders, and following it is another, then comes the license and certificate that prove his bigamous marriage. Following all of this, if it becomes necessary, will be the statement of his unfaithfulness to the new wife, also an account of how he lost the money given to him by those who trusted in his sincerity and wished to help him to Africa. In justice, let it be said that appearance indicates that poor Brother Ridgel's crime was not long premeditated It may be that he was encouraged and mislead into committing it. At least, some who could have warned him were silent and permitted him to do this great wrong.

But, be the matter as it may, no matter how full our pity pours out for a brother overtaken in a sin, until he repents, we are untrue to our God, if we sustain him. After he repents, the christian who would upbraid him is beneath contempt. But the principle is also to be regarded. What is our stand as to the sanctity of marriage? No matter how much poor Ridgel had been made to believe against his deserted wife, no matter how much he may have been urged to marry the unfortunate woman now with him, there lie the broken vows, there is the crime against the civil law and there is the crime against our discipline and the Bible.

Already, the ministers of Liberia have been made to feel that Brother Ridgel is persecuted, already he has won their sympathy, and they will reluctantly see the reason why the Bishops and the church take a stand against him. The appearances indicate that he will undertake to lead the African branch out of the connection as soon as he is deposed. He has been anticipated and will fail in that. Soon he will be in a far off land deserted and despised. Though his sins should be dealt with uncompromisingly, our poor brother should not be left to suffer, but should have a chance to become a man again. "Out of the depths" God can rescue, religion can save. To help him start again, if he will try to start right and be a man, I hasten to offer help to the extent of $100 if necessary. But, in the name of an outraged church, a violated discipline, in the name of God, we will demand that he be no longer permitted to wear the honored and honorable emblems of priesthood and stand as the acknowledged standard bearer of our beloved African Methodism.

Condemn me, brethren, for bringing this matter to your face, but go on in what your conscience has lead you to begin. I have done my unpleasant duty at fearful cost of personal peace, at terrible sacrifice of personal favor, but I have done it fully, fearlessly and honestly. Thank God that the Bishops and the leading brethren are ready to forgive my forwardness, only the curs yelp at my heels.

JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D.

Daughters of Cyrene.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Phœbe Ray and Mrs. Ella Moore visited the school at Mullin's Chapel last Wednesday. Mrs. Sallie Mullins and Mrs Caroline Holbert were the guests of Mrs. Lizzie Martin, Monday night last. Mr. and Mrs. Ruf. Moore report their two children, John and Annie, much better. Mrs. Susie Maupin is up again after a few day's illness. Mrs. Virginia Moore and Mrs. Caroline Maupin took dinner at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Shed Martin, Sunday last. The Daughters of Cyrene, an association of ladies at this place, are doing a grand and noble work. They met Wednesday evening at the Chapel. The writer is unable to pen words that would express the sentiment of the readers of The Freeman concerning the speech of Hon. George L. Knox, at the Emancipation celebration. R. P. Purdy has been asked by the Superintendent, Shed. Martin, to address the Sunday school Sunday at Mullin's Chapel. Willie Bowmar is on the sick list. He has diphtheria. Edmond Smith, of Nashville, is visiting his son, Clark Smith, at this place. Mrs. Eliza Burdett, of Haley Station, paid her mother a visit Thursday last. H. T. White was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Ray Thursday night. James Stokes left for Manchester Tuesday. Mrs. Martha Moore is on the sick list.

Payne Literary Society.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.

The young folk's literary was organized Friday, Oct. 12. After prayer by Rev. H. B. Parks the question arose as to what name should be applied. After several suggestions it was decided that we apply the name of our late Bishop Daniel A. Payne, and it is now known as Payne Literary Society of Allen Chapel. Officers were elected as follows: John T. Williams, president: George Teeters, vice-president; Miss Stella Maxie, secretary; Mrs. Annie Moreland, assistant secretary; James Crews, treasurer. We hope to make this the grandest society in the State of Missouri. It will meet in Allen Chapel every Friday evening.

Miss Reed, of 633 Holmes street is very sick. She has just returned from Hot Springs, where she has been undergoing treatment. Mrs. Daily, of East Sixth street, is around after her illness. Mr James Hill is sole manager of the academy corner of Sixth and Charlotte. Don't fail to visit Mrs. Compton's cafe, at No. 811 Independence avenue. The Little Bee will put you up an excellent meal for 15c, at 710 E. Twelfth street. Mrs. J. Jackson, manager. The Payne Literary Society should see that its members read the only race journal in the country, The Freeman. Get it of John T. Moreland, 709 Holmes street. Theatre-goers should give their patronage to the Gillis, at the corner of Fifth and Walnut. You will not, on account of your color, be refused any seat you wish to purchase in the house. Miss Ida B. Wells has a living influence upon this question. The Republican party in Kansas City should pay more attention to the Negro. Out of 3,000 colored voters not one is recognized, not even as man catcher in the last primaries.

Poor Negro Schools.

Conway, Ark., Special.

The team used by Mr. Justice Bowe ran away with him Monday. The result was a broken leg. Dr. Madison, our eminent colored M. D., was called to dress the wound.

Marriage bells are ringing freely, and widows and widowers want to get more cover together before bleak winter appears. Dr. Madison has built another room to his neat little cottage on Spencer street. Mr. Jim Nichols can be seen again at his old trade with his grocery wagon delivering groceries. Miss Willie Ticer will leave soon to sojourn, in Marianna, awhile. Mrs. Corria Gunthorp will soon spend a week or so in Brinkly, Ark. We can't boast of our good schools as I see so many localities do. The white people here can have a good public school building with six or more rooms with their several teachers. The colored people have one poorly furnished room for the accommodation of their children, with one teacher. The whites are blessed with Hendrix and Central Baptist Colleges, both denominational schools Mrs. Rachel Steel visited Morrilton a few days ago to see her husband, Geo. Steel, who is head cook at Morrilton's best hotel. We will renew our subscription soon.

Are you a mechanic, a factory hand, do you labor in the soil, in the mines, the machine shop, the planing mill? Try a dust proof case "Premier," a FREEMAN gift.

Trials of a Negro Journalist.

By T. L Mann, Superintendent of Printing Department of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

There is a feeling among many of the colored people, at least those of the South, that the newspaper business is one of the easiest and most thrifty vocations in life, that when they subscribe for your paper they have condescended to confer a special favor upon you; no doubt it is due to the fact that as a rule, they know less about the business, and to this lamented fact, perhaps, is due their lack of appreciation to the struggling newspaper.

Having been an editor of a small sheet for a short time, printed for the elevation of the Negro, you will pardon me for presuming to enumerate some of the trials that come to those of the race that have the ambition to attempt to scale the walls of eminence and fame by the journalistic ladder; many make the attempt, but that apathy, lack of support, lack of interest and lack of appreciation manifested by so many of the race, soon nip in the bud this blooming journalistic ambition, and it is gone like Lucifer, never to rise again. It is no royal road, and those that attempt its passage only reach the goal of success through self-denial and great sacrifice.

The greatest trial of the struggling editor or journalist of color, is to create an interest or confidence in his paper that he may get the support of his townsmen; such a large number of papers have started, and like Jonah's gourd, have been short-lived, and after the subscription prices have been paid, the papers have ceased publication. There seems to be a strange fatality about the Negro newspaper, and of course the aspiring journalist meets this prejudicial opposition to taking his paper which will take one or two years to erase. Nothing shows this lack of confidence better than the questions asked when one starts to solicit subscribers. Such as these: "Do you think your paper will live three months?" or "I will take it after it is three months old."

Many of the race seem to think that money is not essential to success in this business as in any other, and put you off with promises or praise for your enterprising spirit, with which you cannot get your paper out, no matter how hard you work; and they expect every week for your paper to make its appearance regularly, if not they say, "I told you so" Think of the editor, who, on the day before his paper went to press, and who had no ink, goes over to a white office and works a half a day to get ink to print his paper. When his readers pick up his paper, a frail thing, 'tis true, they know little of the sacrifice the editor has made. If they knew, the editor would be happy; in the words of the poet it would be like this:

"I had a dream the other night,
When everything was still;
I dreamed that each subscriber came in
And paid his bill"

We often hear colored people say, "I can tell a race or colored newspaper by the print, it is blurred, or it is not printed as cleanly as a white paper." They forget that it takes money to print a paper, and how in the name of common sense can a newspaper that only gets perhaps about one-fourth of the support due it from the race, be printed any better when the editor has to contrive every way to make ends meet, so that it may be out on time each week? Mind you gentle reader, that it is a borrowed paper that the above named class are criticizing. Many say your paper is too small, or you do not put this or that in it; you will find ten persons who will tell you how to run your paper to the single one who will give you the subscription price.

The most common answer returned when you ask for business for your journal in this part of the country, is that "I am now a subscriber for one or two white papers already, and I cannot afford to take another just now." It seems strange how a colored man can help to support a journal that only villifies him, and speaks in derision of his race. I fail to see what the educational effects of such literature have upon his children in his home.

The papers that succumb to the inevitable and go the way of all the living, are monuments of ungratefulness of the race. There are comparatively very few people of color that give the papers the support due them. I venture to say that not one-half of the race papers are supported by members of the race. Much of the lack of interest and appreciation may be due to the fact that our people do not know the real value of the newspaper as a civilising influence, but they, we hope, will soon see the great need of them, and give them their unstinted support and have always one of the race representative papers in their homes, The Freeman, Planet or Age.

Twelfth Anniversary.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

The 12th anniversary and grand rally day on Sunday, the 7th, inst., of the St. John Baptist church of this city, was largely attended. The splendid program was fully carried out. Revs. W. H. C. Stokes, the Superintendent of Missions for the State, and R. N. Countee and several others were with us on this occasion. We had some fine sermons from these servants of God. We had also some fine speeches made and papers read by others. Mrs. J. Huff assisted by Prof. Harvy, presided at the organ, and did some fine singing in the choir. The people gave liberally of their means to the support of the Master's cause. As a result we raised in cash some hundreds of dollars. Then the people made pledges for what is lacking to be paid in a short time. This is one of the leading churches of the city, under the leadership of Rev Wm. J. McMichens, the most accomplished pastor of the city.

ABOUT WEST AFRICA

Her Climate, People and Their Peculiar Customs, by

REV. A. L. RIDGEL, A. B

EDINA, GRAND BASSA, LIBERIA WEST, AFRICA.

LETTER NO. 6.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Africa is the great centre of attraction, toward which, the European world, especially, is rapidly approaching. From a scientific, commercial and religious point of view, this is equally true. For hundreds of years, English, French and German explorers have been searching for the wealth, wisdom and glory of Africa. To a very great extent, their labors have been largely compensated. More than a hundred years ago the youthful Mungo Park, wandered alone 700 miles toward the heart of this great Continent, viewed the great Niger, returned to London and made a satisfactory report to the Geographical Society that sent him out. Dr. Barth, after traveling extensively over the continent, entered the famous city Timbuctoo, in disguise, and for four months drank from the fount of her wisdom. He declares the inhabitants to be the most interesting people that he had ever met. Timbuctoo is famous for Mohamedan literature, commercial perfection and ancient relics. Livingston spent his last moments in Africa, and from her dark, yet prolific regions his immortal spirit sped its way to God. Stanley, the most famous of all modern African explorers, seems delighted over his travels in the "Dark Continent." Emin Pasha spent his last days in Africa, dying at the hands of a murderous Arab.

We could name a long list of European and American explorers, many of whom sacrificed their lives in order to become acquainted with the mysteries of Africa. We read with astonishment of the travels of Mrs. French Sheldon, the white lady who threw, as it were, her life to the winds, entered Africa, and after traveling for hundreds of miles in the sole care of Native Africans, returned to her native land to impart information on an important subject. Last comes a young American, who, at tremendous expense, fitted up an expedition and entered a part of Africa, where the face of a white man or a civilized mortal was never seen before.

Would some one better acquainted with the history of the race than I, please answer the following questions:

1st. Has the Negro race, during the last hundred years, sent out an exploring party to Africa, or any other foreign country?

2d. Has any Negro written and published a standard work on Africa?

3d. Are we not solely dependent on the white man for all material information concerning Africa?

I maintain the opposite, and shall proceed to discuss the subject on that basis.

Now is it not high time for us, as a race, to awake to this important issue?

I favor organizing an exploring party of competent persons to make a tour through the very heart of Africa. Let the enterprise be a national one, and not a mere church or denominational movement. Equip the party with every necessary appendage, the most important of which will be money, brain and industry. Select a stenographer to note every important observation during the journey, from which a great volume can be written. Let the doctors attend the sick, and pass upon the African climate, etc., and let the scientists decide upon the wealth and natural resources of the country.

Such an expedition would do a great deal toward the beginning of a history for the Negro race. We are virtually a race minus a history. It is true that members of the race have written several booklets; we are publishing a hundred or more newspapers, but what are we doing in spheres of high literature? What standard works can we produce on Science, Astronomy, Philosophy, Geology or Theology? I know that Prof. Scarborough has given us a small Greek grammar; Rev. James Porter an English grammar which were endorsed by the literary world, but these small grammars are poor representations of the number of Professors and Doctors of Divinity found within our race ranks. There are a number of other small works, many of which we feel proud, but according to my mind, "Methodist Polity" is the only work, that I would feel safe in quoting and accepting as a whole. "Divine Lagos," is a grand little work and shows what the author could do, if labor and time was not considered.

Bishop Arnett has given us some good publications for which we feel proud. Dr. Embry's Digest of Theology is a splendid little work, but nothing compared to the fertile brain of Dr. Embry, who has the ability to compete with Rawlston or Wakefield. What we want now is books that will demand the attention of the literary world. We have a super-abundance of feather-weight literature not all, by a long way, written by our race variety. A volume on Africa within the next decade, would be of untold value to Afro-Americans, especially.

Such an expedition as we have mentioned could be fitted up at comparatively no expense to the entire race. Five Thousand dollars would possibly cover all expenses, and enable the party to spend two years exploring and gathering information. In the meantime the said party might get access or discover some of the gold, diamonds, etc., hid away in interior Africa, over which England and France or on the verge of war.

Think of it—the largest diamond in the world was found not long since in Africa. This diamond was purchased by a New York firm, at the tremendous cost of $2,000,000.

Why should we sit quiet and allow all this wealth to pass into the coffers of already rich nations? I feel sure that some one will come to the rescue and lead our people to more congenial quarters, if not in Africa, some where else. Let us hear from some of our great race men. Let Dr. Embry, the cold and death dealing critic of the race, speak. No man is more just and logical in criticism than Dr. Embry.

Let Bishop Turner speak out. His pen would shake the Continent. Let us hear from the merciless, Platonic Dr. H. T. Johnson, who, other than Dr. Embry and Bishop Turner, is the greatest critic of the race.

Let The Freeman, the greatest race paper we have, review this question. Its erudite editor is fully abreast of the times, and fully concerned about everything that tends to race advancement.

In addition to furnishing material for a great volume, this party could, to a great extent, settle the mighty commotion now prevailing within our race limits concerning African immigration. Surely their report could be accepted, since impartial, competent persons would be selected to go.

Alse, the company could pass upon the commercial value of the country as it relates to our peoele, and possibly open a great avenue for business enterprises by those who have been looking in that direction.

The company could gather a selection of African curiosities, relics, etc., for some one of our museums, which alone would be worth more to the race than the $5,000 expense of sending the party. I am ready and willing at any time to contribute my share to such a movement. I hope to hear from others on the subject.

Edina, Grand Bassa County, Liberia, West Africa, Sept. 4, '94.

A Budget of Local Happenings and Events

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

There have been thirty five accessions to the C. M. E. church. Rev. D. A. Amos is doing a good work. C. M. Moore is building in Barntown. Miss Nettie Spencer and Thornton Baker left for Jefferson City, where they will enter school. Mrs Mary Joyner has returned from Wynne, Ark. A. Young and Mr. Blackmore, of Camden, Ark, are in the city. Mrs. Maud Gradney is teaching night school. Prof. Ransom Barnes, secretary of the Teachers' Association, is sending out his minutes. Mrs. Eliza Gaston is on the sick list. Dr. G. W. Bunn has a good practice. He is erecting a fine office. The live grocers, Frazier and Davidson, have employed Ed Woody as clerk. Burk Jarrett is doing a fine business at the Red grocery. Rev. B. M. Stradford leaves on a visit to Corsicana soon. Rev. A. Moss has returned from Montgomery. Mrs. R. L. Foreman has returned from Mississippi and has reorganized her music class.

Rumor has several weddings on the the programme among the elites soon. Prof. Charley Dunn has a very sick child. Mrs. Florence McPherson's horse ran away last Saturday, tearing the buggy up. Mrs. S. B Carr will leave for Little Rock, where she goes as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Mosiac Temple. The order has forty members here. The Odd Fellows have 36 members; Ruth, 18; Mason, 25; Star, 15. Buy The Freeman every Saturday from Oscar Spencer. L. D. Fuller, the popular barber, will build soon. Mack Patterson has bought the Lindsay House shop and has remodelled and new furnished it. It is the finest shop south of St. Louis. Gainesville has two Negro grocers, three churches, four secret orders, one brick school, four teachers, 250 pupils, one doctor, six barber shops, one Negro policeman and one saloon. Mrs Lettie P. Gould will teach in Denton this year. Ned Wilson wants a genleman teacher for their school. Leathers & Kelley are doing a fine business. Bill Moore is improving. Nathaniel Tibbett has bought several lots.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

On the Line of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad.

The C. H. & D. R. R., has placed on sale at all ticket offices along the line, excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip for the accommodation of its friends on Sundays. These tickets will be good going and returning only on date of sale. Tickets will be sold between all stations where the train service will permit excursionist to make the round trip on Sundays.

For tickets and all information, call on the local ticket agent of the C. H. & D. R. R., or address I. D. Baldwin, D. P. A., Indianapolis, Ind., or D. G. Edwards, Gen. Pass. Agt., Carew building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE VOICES.

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

Down in the night I hear them:
  Voices—unknown—unguessed—
That whisper, and lisp, and murmur,
  And will not let me rest.

Voices that seem to question,
  In unknown words, of me,
Of fabulous ventures, and hopes and dreams
  Of this and the world to be.

Voices of mirth and music,
  As in sumptuous homes; and sounds
Of morning, as of gathering friends
  In country burial grounds.

Cadence of maiden voices—
  Their lovers' blent with these;
And of little children singing,
  As under orchard trees.

And often, up from the chaos
  Of my deepest dreams, I hear
Sounds of their phantom laughter
  Filling the atmosphere.

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But ever and ever the meaning
  Falters and falls and dies,
And only the silence quavers
  With the sorrow of my sighs.

And I answer: O voices ye may not
  Make me understand
Till my own voice mingling with you
  Laughs in Shadow-land.

IS THIS TRUE,

That Colored Men Desired to Lead the Lynchers?

Fayetteville, Ark., Special.

A few months ago there appeared an article on the editorial page of The Freeman as follows: "Strange and unlooked for events affecting the Negro will take place before next snow falling."

It was indeed a true saying, and it has come to pass. It used to be when you took up a paper the first thing that appeared before your eyes was: "A Negro Lynched." Now they hang and shoot them by the trio and half dozens.

The letter had not reached its destination which Gov. Fishback wrote, denying the charges made by Miss Ida B. Wells in regard to Southern outrages, before a triple lynching similar to the one at Kerryille occured right at our doors, almost within a stone's throw of the Governor. Listen to what the Ft. Smith Times has to say about the matter:

"The evil effects of the lynching habit are most diversified. It has given the enemies of the South an opportunity they have not failed to improve. Ida Wells has sung the disgrace of the South in the European capitals and has not neglected to add mountainous fabrications to what in itself is shameful enough. Her confreres and haters of the Southland in this country have also lifted up their voices, and mingled slander and truth is piled at our doors until we can hardly bear any longer to look at the load.

"Lynching weakens the government, saps the foundation of society and breeds anarchists. It brutalizes our population. The Negroes have stood and shuddered at it until at McGhee, last Friday, some of their own race, hoping to avert any blame from themselves, took a prominent part in the lynching, and even wanted to control it altogether. To what depths is humanity coming in the dying of the nineteenth century. We seem going backward to the butcherings of the Paganism that Gibbon loved and Christianity destroyed."

It is said that colored men took a prominent part in the lynching and wanted to control it alone. This statement we say is untrue. There is not a sensible man on the face of the globe that will believe it, that a Negro has little enough heart to (of his own free will and accord) take a part with heartless, red-handed murderers to unlawfully hang one of his own race, and if such is the case he should be burned to death as a reward for his assistance.

There are some good white people in the South, just as good as ever walked on the face of the globe, but the bad ones outnumber them. They (the good ones) will do all that is in their power to help the poor defenceless Negroes along, but where you find two good ones you find ten against them.

The whites of this city are all peaceable, law-abiding citizens. There was never a man lynched here and we don't think there ever will be. They give each and every one a fair and impartial trial and deal with him according to law. Why can't they do this all over the South?

When the white ministers of the South and some places in the North preach true doctrine and protest against such lawlessness, and the Governor of the state stops denying such charges and enforces the laws as he should and was elected to do, and colored men hang together, lynching will stop, and not before this is done will it stop.

Minister and Wife Remembered.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

The compress in our town is doing a very good business this fall. Mr. Charles Dennard's oldest boy is on the sick list. Mr. Dennard is one of our fairest citizens, and he has our warmest sympathy. Rev. Frierson, one of the city pastor's has been sick, but is up again. We called to see Rev. Bryant, the M. E. pastor, this morning, and he said that all of his lady members and a few young men came to his personage last night and brought him and wife some of the finest groceries that the town affords. The Freeman is ever remembered. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie James was made happy on last Sunday by the arrival of a fine boy. Mineola is coming. Do you hear? What? Some more arrivals yet are near.

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Our success and happiness in this life, and the next, depends on our industry. The greater number of our men have to work with their hands, while others work with their brain in order to live, showing all men must work in one way or another, if they would enjoy life as it ought to be enjoyed.

Industry, my friends, accompanied by intelligence and economy, is the only cure for hard times. To be industrious, to some, it may be a burden and a chastisement, but it is also an honor and a glory. Without the act of industry, nothing can be accomplished.

All that is great in man, comes from industry—a constant employment Were industry abolished, the race of Adam would at once be stricken down by moral death. It is idleness, my friend, that is the curse of man—not labor; yes, the very curse that to-day slanders the colored youth and race Idleness, my friends, is eating up the moral principle of man's heart and is consuming this, the colored race as rust does iron.

It is not labor that causes so many deaths and diseases to overflow our country, but it is idleness that brings men victims to immoral acts, disease and death. Idleness, my friends, is equally dangerous to individuals, as nations. It is not the act of our industrious men and women that darkens the pages of history of the colored race, but the act of idleness.

Well, has the writer said: "The idle brain is the devil's work-shop." I add: The idle brain is the devil's angel seeking the society of virtue to slander its purity. It is the idle boys and girls that loaf the streets, stand upon the street corners and in saloons, that bring shame upon our race, disgrace upon homes, and sorrow to their mothers—and not the industrious boy or girl. It is not industry that creeps in your homes, and there drags down the honor of your family; it is not industry that lays around your fireside to degrade your daughter—the flower of your home and race; but, my colored brother, it is that idle person (be whom he may, black or white), that loafs the streets, fills the roads, and by his action declares he will not work.

The idle man or woman is the church disturber, peace breaker and virtue-destroyer of to-day. Idle men are to-day the devil's chief angels here upon earth, seeking to destroy industrious men and women's homes.

See him leading your sons off into bad company—he doesn't attend Sunday school. See him using his many beguiling means to take from your daughter that which can ne'er be restored again in the ranks of virtue. Oh, may God's spirit wake up those that are not alarmed and drive them to a sense of watchfulness and keep from their door the idle man.

Idleness never made a mark of greatness in the world, and never will. Our greatest men in knowledge have become so from honest, long continuance in labor of the brain. Our greatest men in wealth have reached their fortunes by hard and honest industry, accompanied by intelligence and economy.

Idleness never climbed a hill, nor ever overcame a difficulty that it could avoid. Idleness always failed in life, and always will, while industry knows no such name as fail. Industry, my friend, is what has promoted the progress of this, our great and grand Republic. Had it not been for the industrious class of men, ne'er would we to-day see the large cities, business houses, railroads and steamboats. Neither would we see these great fields that bring to us, when cultivated by the hands of the industrious, the necessary comforts of life.

Idleness never has invented a single machine—(only the last).

But industry, my colored brother, guided by intelligence and economy, will enable you to own houses, fine horses, carriages, food or any other comfort that you need in life.

There is only one way that I see to drive the wolf of poverty from your door, and that is, be industrious. Cheat the doctors by working more; cheat the lawyers by keeping out of debt and be constantly earning something—always laboring, always doing honest and honorable labor; this will bring comfort to your homes and heart. Oh, that we had more learned men and women who would cherish the words, "All labor that is honest is honorable."

We need more practical industry, and not so much talk. Our farms are calling for it; the blacksmith shops, carpenter shops, shoemaker shops, brick masons and wheelwrights, are calling for it; our homes are calling for it, and the kitchens are calling for it. Our fields are growing up in bushes for the want of it, while our sons and daughters are fast seeking the homes of towns and cities, rushing a fast life down the hill of destruction, because they are not taught and do not want to practice industry.

My young man or lady, who scorn the hands of industry, "The demon of idleness is awaiting your mighty fall."

Industry, my friend, in an heir to the riches of this world She labors with patience, seeks the school rooms, gold and silver mines, to put in her claims. Not only is industry an heir to the riches of this world, but she is an heir to the Sunday schools; she claims an interest in the many children that gather from Sabbath to Sabbath in the many Sunday schools. Industry holds a claim on those who are now sweeping through the gates of the New Jerusalem, singing: "I'm washed in the blood of the Lamb." She is an heir to the church, holding a claim on those who are here waiting to hear the voice of Jesus say, "Come up higher, ye purchasers of my blood."

Be faithful, my friend, to your labor; faint not. If you are once of the industry of God's family, you are an heir to his kingdom. Work out your soul's salvation with fear and trembling.

Christ, through his labor, has made you an heir to his kingdom. By and by, Sunday school teachers, you'll receive your reward; by and by, superintendents, you will receive your portion; by and by, elders and preachers, you will receive your portion; only be faithful in the labors for souls.

All is the gift of industry,
Whate'er exalts, embellishes
And renders life delightful.

From Christian Index Sept. 15th.

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Shoots Two Through the Heart, and is Himself Shot—All Colored.

In the Eastern part of Denton county, Tex, is a community known as Mount Pleasant, principally settled by colored men from Missouri, Tennessee and East Texas. The people are known for their thriftiness and industry. With the exception of two or three families, every family owns the land upon which he lives, and, in fact, it is one of the strongest colored holds in this county Among the most well-to-do families are the Crutchfields and the Lugrands. For some years these two families have been at outs with each other.

Will Mitchell, is a kind of a tough fellow, has been an emyloyee of Crutchfield. He also became entangled in the difficulty between the Crutchfields and the Lugrands, so much so until he attempted to whip Lugrand, and did cut him, for which he paid a fine and laid in jail one year, up until March of this year.

As soon as Mitchell found himself at liberty he went back to this same community and again hired to Mr. Crutchfield, but very soon he and Crutchfield fell out. Mitchell then hired to Mr. Lugrand.

On Mr. Crutchfield's place, near his barn, lives a man by the name of Edinburg. Will Mitchell stayed all night at Edingburg's house, Monday, Oct. 1st Tuesday morning James Crutchfield, while up at the lot, saw Mitchell's horse in his cotton patch and asked him to take it out. Mitchell refused. (I give the Mitchell side of the tragedy)

At this juncture Crutchfield went back to the house and got George, his brother, and Ollie Crutchfield, his nephew. George and James took Winchesters, and, together with Ollie, went back and requested Mitchell to come down to the lot. He started at once.

On approaching them, James ordered him (Mitchell) to stop, and told his brother George to shoot him. George not moving quick enough, James raised his rifle to shoot. Mitchell was to quick, however, for he pulled a 32 calibre revolver and shot James through the heart.

By this time George, seeing his brother Jim shot, raised his rifle to shoot Mitchell—but too slow! Quick as a flash, Mitchell sent a ball through the heart of George, shooting him again before he fell.

Ollie Crutchfield, nephew of the two dead men, grabbed his dead brother's rifle and shot Mitchell, the slayer of his two uncles, through the abdomen. Mitchell shot at Ollie twice but missed him. Mitchell lived through the night but died Wednesday morning. All three of the parties were buried Wednesday evening. Great excitement prevails.

Mitchell was a regular roustabout kind of a fellow, the county had to bury him. James Crutchfield was a widower of most polished manners, owned two plantations, had white and colored tenants. His death is regretted by both white and colored. He was the main prop of his aged mother and father.

While there are many things connected with this affair, the truth is it was but the culmination of an old grudge. Just how the shooting came about, no one knows for a certainty, as the parties who did the shooting are all dead, and the sympathizers of either tell it their way.

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Is Afraid He Will Lose His Laurels!

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EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

At this time of writing, my heart is filled with fear and my soul with revenge. The cause of these unusual emotions is that I fear I am about to lose my laurels as a fool-fun maker, as it is well known the public would always rather have the real article of any kind than the hand or brain-made sham goods.

The "Negro Democrat," whatever he, she or it is, at present causes the intelligent, fun-loving public of both races to laugh and laugh, and then laugh again, until sides are in great danger of splitting open.

As I stated in the preface of "Maid and Mistress," I have been trying for upwards of fifteen years to hoe my way to fame via Quilldriver avenue, and now just as I am in sight of fame's portal, having been aided along the road greatly by the use of The Freeman's columns, am I to be pushed aside by this political monstrosity, the "Negro Democrat?"

The literary syndicate of which I am a member neglected to get out an injunction restraining any other Afro-American from producing the fool-fun of the race. I have for weeks worked up my imagination and mixed with it facts; I have lost sleep, time, money and free liquid refreshments in order to give birth to the mythical Penn & Quilldriver and their sheets, the Fog Horn and Searchlight. I made Penn a "Negro Democrat" and Quilldriver a red hot, true-blue Republican. Now, after I have written about forty chapters of "The Doings of Penn & Quilldriver," and the readers of The Freeman have commenced to like it and look for it each week, up steps the real live "Negro Democrat," long ears and all the other requirements of a Democrat, and tries to push me down the hill. It is a burning shame, and I call a halt. I hereby inform the public that I am the only fool-fun maker, and the mythical "Hon. A. Small Penn, U. S. Minister-exaggerated and Envoy-inflated," the only true "Negro Dimmekat." "There are others," but they are only "out for the dust." Don't read their doings, but stick to "The Doings of Penn and Quilldriver." Beware of imitations, our brand of dark shin followers of Democracy is the best.

By the way, can't The Freeman help me to hold my own as the race's fool-fun-maker? Give us a hand; help, help! Can't you keep the "Negro Democrat" fighting hisse'f until the result will be the same as the battle between the two historic cats of Ireland? By so doing, Mr. Editor, you will oblige, Your friend,

B. SQUARE.

Social Flashes—The Dollar Association.

Denison, Tex., Special.

Mrs. E. A. Pyle has returned from Dallas, where she visited friends. About six young ladies left for Mary Allen Seminary, at Crocket. Rev. W. D. F. Pyle and members of the A. M. E. church are making an effort to raise $100 by Nov. 15th. Mrs. Mary Bonner is visiting in Honey Grove. Revs. J. A. Coleman, Wm. B. Johnson and others expect to visit Waco to hear Hon. T. Thomas Fortune. Joe Thompson is chairman of this the 4th Congressional District, the first colored man to enjoy that distinction. Rev. W. D. Hill is taking a Theological course at Bishop College. Rev. T. H. Tyson, manager of The Protector, Atoka, I. T, has been "doing" the city. Dr. J. M. Moseby, Rev. J. A. Coleman, Prof. Terrell and Ed Gentry are promoters of the Denison Dollar Industrial Association. Charter will shortly be applied for, with a capital stock of $5,000. The K. of P.'s will apply for a dispensation soon. The order is growing very popular here. Mrs. Wm. B. Johnson, who took first prize at the State Fair last year in oil and rose painting, will exhibit her work at the Cotton Palace. Rev. E. H Garland declined the position of teacher in the public school and retains the pastorate of the Baptist church.

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Notice! I am desirous to find the whereabouts of my cousin, Mrs. M. A. Robinson. The last I heard of her she was keeping a grocery store in Indianapolis. Her husband's name is Edward Robinson. I am all alone in the world, and am anxious to find her. Address Mrs. Lizzie Taylor, Jamestown, P. C. Rhode Island.

My mother's name is Lucinda Yarndle, and I had one half-brother named John and an own brother named Nelson. I have two half-sisters, Sarah and Mary. My father died when I was four years old, in Knox county, Tennessee. My father's name was Harry Lamb. The last time I saw them was in Lawrence, Kan. I wrote to them from Missoula, but did not hear from them. Address, H. Lamb, Kalispel, Mont.

I would like to know the whereabouts of my three sisters, Lucretia, Eliza and Polly Sadler. Our mother's name was Pricilla Sadler. She belonged to Fannie Sadler, an old maid. Our father's name was Ranel Spilman; he belonged to Jim Spilman. Our home was Lael, Garrett county, Ky., eight miles from Langston and eleven miles from Richmond, Ky. Any information would be very thankfully received by their sister, Sallie Johnson. Address, 839 E. Jefferson street, Decatur, [illegible]; in care of L. Earnest.

I have a son; have not seen him since the war. His name is Thomas Taylor Turner, my home was in Madison Co., Tennessee, but I left him in Columbus Kentucky with a man by the name of John Stevens, who was a Telegraph Operator. He was between the age of 7 and 8. His father's name was Sam Turner and my name was Henrietta Turner. Every pastor will please read this to his congregation, and readers will please inquire. Any one giving information will oblige Henrietta Wallace, 1403 Maple St., Des Moines, Ia.

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KEEP step to the music of the Union.

VINEGAR "aint in it" with molasses for catching flies.

TAMMANY is doomed, the ladies, God bless 'em, have declared it.

THE Sage of Anacostia says there is nothing disreputable in being an office-seeker, and Frederick should know.

THE speeches and talks made by Mr. Harrison in his swing around the circle are models of patriotic good sense and courteous treatment of his opponents. Small fry spell binders take notice.

THE Des Moines Avalanche has suspended, for the very good reason that the people for whom it was conducted had sooner see it die than pay up their subscription. The Negro is a mighty crooked animal as to treating himself.

IF the Republicans of Indiana and New York fail of victory in November, it will not be because the stars in their courses were arrayed against them, but for the reason contained in one single word, OVERCONFIDENCE.

"Is there no kodak fiend around to catch David Bennett Hill in his great act of saluting death?"—New York Morning Advertiser.

Perhaps not, but the throng that will be present at his funeral in the early November days will be an ample amend.

LISTEN to the scream of the "American Eagle" located in St. Louis:

"The American Eagle is not a campaign sheet; our days are longer than political campaign; our scope broader than political parties. Long after the last hoarse note of the stump speaker has died away or the glare of the bonfire faded, the American Eagle will still be found keeping a watchful eye over the destinies of the Negro race."

All right, gentlemen; now you've screamed your scream, keep a-coming

THE Conservator wants to know by what authority the Zion A. M. E. church of Boston took it upon its "obscure" self to recommend Mr. G. F. Richings (white) and his picture show of Negroes and Negro enterprise, in the name of the colored people of the United States, to the people of Great Britain. The Courant of Boston has been requested to extend the information, so until the same is forthcoming possess yourself in patience race as best you can.

OUR excellent friend, The Statesman, heads his editorial column with the frantic request to some one, to "Move the murderous Populist," and we are sure, were it in our power, we would quickly harken to Brc. Hackley's appeal, if the strain took the last button from our silk lined waist coat. But there's the rub. He's so far removed from us, that we can't reach him; and again, we are so little troubled with the blood-thirsty, ensanguined animal here in "Injeany" that our weathers are not wrung with that sympathy the case deserves. Wait 'till the ides of November, Bro., and then just you pitch in with the thousands of other good Republicans in your great silver ballwick, and larup the life out of the janus faced pirates.

DISAPPOINTED NEGRO DEMOCRATS.

It's amusing, not to say tiresome, to read the long winded articles of Lawyer Stewart, in the Age, anent the shabby treatment accorded the black contingent of the "unwashed" by the party of Grover Cleveland. The Democratic party, controlled as it is by the sons of the men that for ten generations dealt in Negro flesh, as a commercial commodity, just as they did in hog and horse flesh, care about as much for such "nigger" kicks as an Asiatic elephant for a gnat bite. The sons of the ex-slave owners and drivers don't know that Stewart and the score or so of other silly Negroes, who at different times left the Republican party with the hope of being made "big niggers" through Democratic preferment, are on earth, and care less. Douglass, Langston, Bruce, Lynch, Cuney, and others that might be mentioned, were prominent Negroes years ago, in the sense that local striplings like Stewart have not yet attained to, which fact, no doubt, had much to do in the first instance with his desertion from the Republican fold, for jealousy and envy effect some Negroes, somewhat similar as ginger does a horse when sprinkled under his tail. Nevertheless he would appear much better to the public at large, having joined the Democratic party of his own volition, to either keep his jaw closed about it, quit his silly kicking, or, if he has got enough, follow Astwood's example and say so like a man.

ANALYSIS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

By Uncle Sam's Nephew.

[From Austin, Tex., Herald]

TEXARKANA, TEX., Oct. 10, '94.

To Uncle Sam, Washington, D. C.,

DEAR UNCLE SAM: –I have analyzed the Democratic party and find that it contains the following substances:

Romanism	10 per cent.
Rumism	40 " "
Rebellionism	20 " "
Burning, skinning and lynchingism	20 " "
Anarchism	5 " "
Christianism	5 " "

I find it to be the only party in the civilized world that lynches, skins and burns human beings at the stake It is composed in two sections, the Copperhead Democrats in the North and the Disloyal Democrats in the South.

In connection with this analysis, I find the most absurd act of mankind: The colored man voting with the Democratic party that lynches, skins and burns him at the stake.

Your nephew and assayer,
U. C. JUSTICE.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

In a ripe old age, with no sign of mental decay, loved by his countrymen and honored by all the English-speaking world, Oliver Wendell Holmes, has passed quietly and sweetly into the beyond. Bryant, Longfellow, Whittier and Holmes are witnesses that the life of a poet, free from the attritions of passion and lived in the calmness of a loftier air, is conducive to physical longevity. Dr. Holmes' death was such a one as any one might pray for. Though the weight of 85 years rested on his slight physical frame, his mind was clear and fertile to the last.

Holmes made a place for himself distinctly different from that of Bryant, Longfellow, Whittier, or Lowell. He did not, like Bryant or Longfellow, translate great epics, nor, like Whittier, make a distinctive mark as an apostle of emancipation. He did not, like Lowell, run to satire, as in "The Fable for Critics," embalm the New England dialects in verse, or attempt any such elaborate carving as appears in "The Cathedral" and the 'Commemoration Ode." But in the geniality and happiness of after-dinner verse, in glowing lyrics of patriotism, in stirring pæans, in poems of friendship, and in memorial verses, none of the remarkable circle of his contemporary poets could equal him.—The (Boston) Christian Register.

AN APPEAL TO GROVER.

[The following touching appeal, for which we are indebted to the New York Morning Advertiser, is respectfully dedicated to Indiana's candidates for the Liberian Mission]—Editor.

Give me a slice of pie, Grover, give me a slice of pie,
I'm out in the wilderness alone, hungry, wet and dry;
Out at the elbows and pantaloons—out of ready cash,
Lacking in "dough" and wherewithal to pay for last week's hash.
Where can I go for sustenance? Only, only to thee,
Turn from your piscatorial sports and cast a glance at me.
Other goats have been foddered, the provender's getting shy;
Give me a slice of pie, Grover, give me a slice of pie.

Give me a hunk of pie, Grover, give me a hunk of pie,
Political hacks and carry-alls and busted omnibi
Have had their axles greased and yet you take no heed of me,
A man who has a single vote and casts it doubtingly;
One who stood by you in rain and shine, battered in storm and sleet,
Sported a rooster in my hat—calloused my corn fed feet;
Hollered and yelled like blazes, not knowing the reason why—
Give me a hunk of pie, Grover, give me a hunk of pie.

Give me a whack at the pie, Grover, give me a whack at the pie,
Close up your Civil Service lamp and wink the other eye;
There must be a vacancy somewhere, anything will do,
Providing the salary's proper and the duties light and few;
I'm not an office-seeker for the paltry gain of wealth,
The sacrifice I wish to make is purely for my health;
I have withered and wasted woeful, O wilt thou tell me why
I am not a fit subject for pie, Grover, fully deserving of pie?

THE ADJECTIVE "GREAT" AS USED BY NEGRO EDITORS.

Says the Richmond Planet in its last issue:

"Hon. H. C. C. Astwood, the great Negro Democrat, has signalized his return to the Republican party, etc."

With no thought of disrespect to Mr. Astwood, will John Mitchell please inform us when, how or by reason of what, is the repentent editor of the Afro-American Defender saddled with the responsibility of being great, other than as a flopper? As a matter of course, John can tell us nothing of the kind, and he prostitutes his respectable talents by lending them to such imposition. The incident was mainly referred to for the purpose of calling attention to a pretty general characteristic of Negro editors along certain lines of reflection that in no wise serves the truth or benefits the race. The "great," "greater," "greatest" editors, orators, scholars, preachers, statesmen, politicians, prelates, poets, philosophers, writers, lawyers, songsters, stewards, waiters, cooks, etc., that the race is blessed with is something wonderful—or would be, if it was so. The fact is, these "great" Negroes along any of the thoroughfares of human effort or thought mentioned above, as those terms are understood and applied by contemporaneous judgment and review, do not exist.

We have as yet produced no GREAT Negro. Eminent ones we have, and many, considering the depths from whence they toiled, but eminence is not greatness. Careful, conservative estimate and statement is best at all times, and at all times more apt to be truthful, and in the end not hurtful, and it will be a good day for the race in general, a harbinger that betokens growth and accomplishment, when Negro editors and all others who assume to speak for and of the Negro are guided by that fact.

PULPIT COURTESY.

According to the Boston Courant, one Rev. Harmon, a peripatetic preacher from Alabama, probably on a begging trip North, surprised the courtesy extended him by Dr. Dolph Roberts, and his congregation of the fashionable Charles Street church, of that city, by a harrangue from the pulpit quite unlooked for, and more than surprising. He scoffed at the idea generally held of Southern lynchings, claimed their barbarities were overdrawn, and the men so treated, whether burned, skinned alive or lynched, were brutes who deserved their fate, and that through such means God Almighty was purging the race and meant to advance it. Before closing he discounted the efficacy of the efforts being made by the "orators, students and learned men" of the North on behalf of the race, reserving a special sneer for Boston and the people whose hospitality had given him a moment's notoriety, by declaring that the Negroes were better off, and happier in their cabins in the Southland than the Negroes enjoying the culture and liberty of Boston, etc. It was a most exhilerating performance of a bull in a china shop up to date. But it was not enough that the able Indianian, Dr. Roberts, followed the gentleman and dressed his hide down to the Queen's taste, the mistake was made, a false sense of courtesy was pandered to, by inviting him in the pulpit in the first instance. What the fellow said is nothing, but that be was given an opportunity to say it, a good deal. There is no place where what is known as fraternal courtesy is more abused than in the pulpits of the race. Every jack-leg, pot-house gospel shark who happens along and proclaims himself in the business of the Lord is taken in hand without question, given the entree to our most select pulpits and made much of ad nauseum. The profession of the cloth should be an honored, sacred one, and legitimate, respectable pastors in charge should have a care of whom they compel their congregations to fellowship with. As well might a resident physician in good standing invite every roving quack doctor that happens along to accompany him on his "ride" for the purpose of deciding the pulse of his patients or prescribing for their maladies.

THE FREEMAN goes everywhere, its scope is NATIONAL, not local. When great matters are to be discussed, when the attention of all the race is wanted, when LEADERS have complaints to make or suggestions to urge, they quite naturally and very sensibly, don't you think, seek the columns of THE FREEMAN. Application: If you would keep abreast of the times, if you would keep posted, subscribe for THE FREEMAN.

KNAVES, FOOLS, NAY! BUT PRINCIPLES.

The Republican party proper must not be held for an occasional blockhead and one-horse cuss found well up to the head in its counsels. Not all the seraphic host hovering or loafing around the throne are cherubims of the first class, and you know when, "once upon a time," Jehovah called an important gathering of his trusted ones, "Old Squarefoot" came also. The thing for all good Republicans to do, white or black, is to rivet their eyes steadfastly upon the principles that the party of Lincoln and Harrison stand for, and take no note of the occasional fool and knave training within its ranks. Men die, sell out or are found out, but the eternal verities of truth and justice can be relied on.

Schools Progressing Nicely.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

There was an entertainment at the A. M. E. church Saturday night given by the Sunday school, for the benefit of their worthy pastor. Dr. Corsan and Will Rabo, of Holly Grove, spent two days here last week in the interest of the K. of H., which is needed and much hoped for among our people at this place. Messrs. Lillard and Smith have rented a beautiful little cottage on Second street to keep house. If we want to be helped, let us help others, so go and hear Sam Jones and help the white church out on the 24th. All of the sick are getting along nicely except Miss Mary Smith, and we hope to see her out soon. Rev. Swan, of Helena, and Prof. Carter, who is out in the interest of Shorter University, were in the city last week. Professor says the school is full and getting along nicely, and more coming. May the good work go on. Since the two districts have been made one, we hope to have a high school at Clarendon. It can be had if the good people will go to work for it. Prof. White brought in five bales of cotton Saturday. Clarendon is getting to be quite a cotton market; there were over 200 bales sold here Saturday, and the most was sold by colored people. Miss Laura Sherman and sister and several others spent Sunday in Brinkley, Sunday school at 1:30 at the A. M. E. church; at Barney's Chapel at 9:30 a. m., so that everybody can get to Sunday school if they wish. Ed. Calloway, who has been spending a few weeks here visiting relatives, left Saturday night for his home in Pine Bluff Mr. Kary got his hand very badly hurt at one of the saw mills. On last Friday evening our good people were very delightfully entertained by the Sunday school concert at Berry's Chapel. It was conducted by Mrs. Sarah Harvick, with the assistance of Mrs. B. Lillard, who presided at the organ, furnishing music for the occasion. The exercises were good and the little ones all did well. Mrs Harvick, who has been so devoted and done such a good work among the little ones, deserves much credit from the older people, and may she be encouraged to do more.

RACE GLEANINGS.

The colored Catholics Convention was in session in Baltimore, Md., last week.

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There are 11,000 colored school children enrolled in Washington. The city has a colored population of 80,000.

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Miss Jennie Hilyer, of Chicago, has been appointed head nurse of the Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D. C.

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Artist H. O. Tanner resently presented to the Philadelphia Preachers' meeting, a life-sized bust of Bishop Arnett.

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An old colored woman, Mrs. Lucinda Bradley, who was a slave of Henry Clay died in Ohio recently at the age of ninety-three.

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At a mass meeting held in Philadelphia October 15. Hon. Frederick Douglass and Miss Ida B. Wells, addressed a large audience.

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Mr. I. Garland Penn, one of Lynchburg, Va.'s, most prominent Negroes, has been appointed commissioner from Va. to Atlanta exposition.

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H. O. Flipper, who was at one time a lieutenant in the Tenth United States cavalry, is doing duty as an interpreter in the court at Albuquerque, N. M.

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Prof. W. H. Council, of Normal, Ala., is named as a prominent speaker in the great Educational Association which will meet in London, England next year.

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W. G. Williams, of Brenham, Tex, has been given a verdict for $12,000 for damages against the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad. There were five Negroes on the jury.

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Joseph H. Stuart, colored attorney of Denver, Col., was successful in securing the nomination for representative at the Republican State Convention held at Denver recently.

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Paul Berger, said to be the oldest Negro minister in this country, died in Philadelphia on the 8th. Mrs. Fannie Chinn, the noted contralto of Chicago, died in that city the 7th.

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Mr. Nathan Toomer, a prominent Georgian and son-in-law of ex-Governor Pinchback, is mentioned as possible Afro American Commissioner of the great exposition to be held in Atlanta.

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Hon. Jno. R. Lynch is still in Mississippi, and in his absence Robert H Terrell is looking after the business of the office. The legal firm of Lynch and Terrell is one of the best known in Washington.

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Miss Elizabeth Baker, of Nashville, Tenn, is the first Negro woman to establish a distinctively Normal Kindergarten school. Kansas Blackman.

The Blackman is mistaken—Miss Baker is a white lady, a native of Indianapolis.

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Miss Carrie Coleman, a cultivated and refined young colored lady, refused to go into the Jim Crow car while traveling from Kuttawa to Princeton, Ky, and was arrested She has now brought suit against the Kentucky railroad authorities.

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Detroit, Michigan, will probably have a colored teacher employed in its mixed schools soon. Miss Flossie Cole, is a young colored woman recently graduated from the Normal Training school and the rule is that such graduates be given city positions.

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Dr. W. E Sterrs, of Decatur, Ala., a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, will give a course of instructions to the Senior class of the Meharry Medical College in Histology, Microscopy, and Bacteriology, beginning the middle of October.

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Miss Ophelia Morgan, a young Negro lady who recently graduated from the Frankford, Kans., High School, has been elected as teacher at Port Williams. Two members of the School Board were Negroes and one white The white citizens are protesting, but Miss Morgan still has charge of the schools.

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Mrs. James Thomas has received a diploma from the managers of the Columbian Exposition for the special work as an embroiderer. Miss Thomas aided Miss J. Imogen Howard, the Afro American Lady Manager from the State of New York in arranging the New York exhibits, and contributed ecclesiastial embroidery consisting of a pulpit hanging, chalice veil and burse. The diploma is signed by Bertha Armore Palmer, president board of lady managers, George R. Davis, of the Columbian Exposition.

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Harry Todd, of Darien, is the richest colored man in the state of Georgia. When a youth, his master died, and left him his freedom for faithful attention during the slave holder's last sickness. The family kept him on at a handsome salary as assistant overseer He soon bought land and afterwards slaves, and at the fall of the Confederacy lost twenty Negroes and some money in Confederate bonds. But this he made good by selling at 50 cents a pound a crop of cotton he had saved. He is now worth about $500,000; is married and has five children, well educated; owns a country place in the mountains, whither he hies in hot weather; and he is highly respected by everybody who knows him.

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Miss Sarah W. Brown, who during the summer taught the night school at Shellbanks, Va., has entered Cornell University, a Freshman unconditioned. Miss Brown graduated from the Hampton Va Normal in '87 and afterwards from the High and Normal School in Washington, D C., where she has since been teaching and studying. She secured leave of absence to pursue a College course.

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The annual report of Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C., prepared by Dr. John R. Francis, acting surgeon-in-chief, owning to the illness of Dr Williams was submitted to the Commissioners yesterday by Col. Tracey, superintendent of charities. The report contains some interesting statistics regarding the operations of the institution The whole number of patients admitted and treated at the hospital during the year was 3,008 an increase of 382 over last year. Of this number 579 were white and 2,429 colored.

In the dispensary attached 5,693 were prescribed for. The cases treated were surgical, medical, and obstetrical. The number of surgical operations performed was 239.

A Grand Reception—A Splendid Sermon.

Fayettville, Ark., Special.

Prof. W. J. Kidd, of Ft. Smith, has returned to the city after an absence of three months. A grand reception was given him under the auspices of Mrs. B. T. Littlejohn and Mr. P. H. Cooper, at the residence of Mrs. Susie Thompson. Prof. Kidd is a firm friend of The Freeman and never fails to urge upon the race the importance of supporting such a grand old paper. Refreshments of all kinds were served at the reception. If it is not trespasing upon your space, I'll give the names of a few of the most prominent participants. Mr. and Mrs. Seth Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Messdams Littejohn, Jenkins, Morrison, Sarah Van Winkle, Misses Cora Cox, Hattie Pettignew, Lealla Cravens, Belle Moten, Meacie Cooper, Funkhouser, Rebecca Taylor and others. Messrs. A. H. Cooper, Alex. Robinson, Will Carr, Henry Denton, Leon Denton, Fred Thompson. Music furnished by Spencer, Van Winkle, Samuel Young and O. Cox. Latest parlor games were introduced to the delight of all. The Freeman was not forgotten amid sweet strains of music and mirth, as will be shown in the near future.

To the regret of all, the hand pointed to ten, when the gay assembled guests prepared to retire with kind remembrance of the occasion. Your correspondent would not forget to remind the many readers of the elite appearance of the young ladies and their charming costume, especially of Miss Cora Cox, Miss Belle Moten, and Miss Lealla Cravens. We would like to give a graphic description of all, but it would occupy too much space. Rev. Seth Neal, preached the sermon of his life Sunday, from 11th chapter of Hebrews and 6th verse. I wish I could report the sermon in full. Among the many expressions are the following:

"The grandest sermons of the age are preached by true mothers, inspiring their children to noble things, thus causing them to aspire for higher things and finally to enter into eternal life. Pulpits are becoming corrupt, while other agencies are doing the same. There is too much dependence upon the pulpit. In many instrances, the pulpit must remodel the home, where parental training should abound. There are Christians who haue no faith in the church, no faith in the preachers, no faith in the teachers, but claim to have faith in God." Much gratitude is extended to Mrs T B. Littlejohn and Mr. P. H. Cooper for their interest manifested in giving the reception. Long may such characters remain among us. Mr. W J Stirman has returned from Siloam Springs. Don't forget Mr. J. L. Duke when wanting jewelry of any kind Miss Lou Smith, of Carthage, Mo, is visiting the city. Miss Susie Pettigrew is giving entire satisfaction in the school room at Cincinnati, Ark.

Mrs Amanda Bowles is very low and is not expected to recover. Times are hard but can't you find a dollar for The Freeman? Patronize those business men who swell The Freeman subscription roll. Miss Nellie Carr, Miss Belle Moten, Miss Lealla Cravens, Mrs G. H Hill, Miss Emma Adams, Mr Will Carr, Mr. P. H. Cooper, Miss Cora Cox and Mrs. T. B. Littlejohn will furnish the best singing ever heard in Fayetteville, on Thanksgiving night Special solo by Miss Nellie Carr, essay, by Miss Belle Moten Select reading, Mrs. Littlejohn, trio by Miss Emma Adams, Mrs. Hill and Miss Nellie Carr.

AMERICA'S GREAT CRIME

A Cool, Logical And Dispassionate Arraignment.

A Government That Can Find No Law To Protect Human Life, Unworthy Of The Name—A Plea To All.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

Please allow me space in your wideawake journal to express my sentiments of the numerous lynchings that are being perpetrated upon American citizens in the various parts of our country. I shall endeavor to name some of the causes, give a summary of the evidence, and from an unbiased position, by removing the alias of protection from their heinous proceedings, show its public disgrace.

Viewed in the light of modern civilization, it can readily be seen that the United States is as famous for mob rule as France was during the Reign of Terror. This is shown from the fact that within the past three or four months more than a score of men have been lynched. In former days such proceedings were confined mainly to the South, and the perpetrators were considered men of the baser elements of society. But now the North—Ohio, Indiana and other States—has fallen in rank with the South, and are on the slow but sure march to anarchy. Thus many of the leading citizens, lawyers, statesmen, and even officers of our country, take part in these infamous proceedings, which shows that it is gaining public sentiment and gradually undermining the government.

In former times the people would not commit such violence save for two crimes—killing a white person or committing or attempting to commit rape—but now it includes the burning of a barn or fence, and the stealing of a hog or sheep, etc., and if the crimes continue to increase in the same ratio, for a man to fall down and raise one foot will be sufficient crime for a lynching bee.

The evidence in most cases is "suspicion pointed to him as the guilty party," and forthwith he was executed. It is always said that the parties were unknown. That such cannot be true is shown from the fact that many such deeds are done in broad daylight. For instance, the massacre of those defenseless Italians at New Orleans, which infamous deed will ever remain a dark spot on the character of the people of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana as long as the memory thereof floats above the historical horizon; and the United States at large will be held equally accountable, for their blood clings to the skirt of the entire American people. I could cite many instances of a like character from my own State (Mississippi), but I deem it unnecessary, as the facts are known.

I have often wondered and even asked the question, why the government allowed such high-handed proceedings to go unpunished. The answer was, the government is powerless over such matters. Not being satisfied with that simple statement, I resolved to investigate the question for myself, and after giving much time and study to it, I have reached the conclusion that the "government being powerless" is a delusion. The United States has enacted laws to protect itself and its authority as a government, to-wit: "Every person who entices or engages in any rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States, or the laws thereof * * * Any two or more persons in any State or Territory who conspire to overthrow, or put down, or destroy by force the government of the United States * * * or oppose by force the authority thereof, or by force prevent, hinder or delay the execution of any law of the United States, shall be visited by penalties herein named."

The constitution of the United States, which is the fundamental law of our country, declares that "No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime except on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, * * * nor be deprived of life, liberty or property except by due process of law. * * * In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the State," and "Congress has all power necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers and all other powers vested by this constitution in the government of the United States."

These provisions are applicable to the States, and anything that conflicts with them is null and void. Also, there are provisions in many of the State's constitutions which places the military power of the State in strict subordination to the civil authority. Thus the United States protects the States, and vice versa. The government of the United States is so weak that it could suppress a rebellion of eleven million souls, and yet not weak enough to suppress an insurrection of fifty or a hundred men! Such weakness! It is strange that nature can behold a government of such inherent weakness without being moved to tears! That the Creator is greater than the creature has been the philosophy of mankind for ages, but the United States has knocked the "stuffin'" out of that principle by controverting the theory, thus making the creature greater than the creator. The citizens who formed the government created the mails, yet the United States can protect the mails—but not the citizens—by sending out her "regulars" and "pouring lead into the crowd," as at Chicago recently. Should a poor moonshiner distill a few gallons of rum, or a counterfeiter make a few dollars, Uncle Sam's detectives will be out "seeking a clew into the matter," and if need be will lay down their lives in defense of their master's pets—but not the master.

The Governors of the states seem to pay no attention to the lynchings, thus ignoring the fact that it is their duty to suppress insurrections and uphold the supremacy of the law. If they offer a reward for the murderers, for fear that they might be caught for the value of the reward, they revoke the reward and of course that closes the whole matter. The Chief Executive of the Nation can send a man-of-war to protect American interest in the isles of the sea, and suffer Uncle Sam's military to be used in dethrowning a Sovereign at Hawaii, but his Majesty so far has failed to exert his influence, use his power or even do his duty (as summed up in the words "He shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed") to protect American citizens at home. We have a strong united government and all that is needed to suppress mobs, is a young Napoleon with genius to plant his batteries so as to sweep every avenue through which an opposing force could reach the Tuilleries, (prison, prisoners) and never enough to see his orders duly executed.

The effect of lynchings and mobs upon this country cannot be over estimated. Instead of stimulating a love for law and order in our young men, they create a desire for desperate deeds of midnight encounters, thus making them hardened criminals before they reach maturity. The apparent weakness of the government tends to encourage anarchy and misrule. I have not a word to say in defense of the Negro or white man who commits such a foul crime, more than suspicion pointing to a person as being the guilty party, does not of itself prove said person to be the guilty party; and even if his guilt is proved, let the law mete out the punishment. I am cognizant of the fact that the virtue of white ladies should be protected, but have we not a law? Are there no tribunals before whom they may get redress? Are there no provisions in the law, naming the punishment for stealing hogs, sheep, burning and entering houses for the purpose of committing unlawful acts? If there are none and we have no law, then the citizens should in a calm spirit, protect innocence and mete out justice. But if we have a law, then let us all patriotically submit to its decisions.

The country may be assured that if the daily increasing arrogance of mobs is not repressed by a strong hand, and the supremacy of the law rigidly maintained, we shall see not only the South, but every section of the country thrown into a state of indescribable anarchy, while the real friends of law and order will sink beneath a set of demagogues, who, with louder outcries for justice, will be in reality, but a horde of savages, worse than the Nero's of old.

And now for the cause of law and order, and that justice for which our forefathers fought, in the interest of the present generation, in the interest of the unborn generations of American citizens to whom our heritage will be transmitted, and in the name of the enlightened humanity of every age and clime, I beseech the American people from the humblest citizen to the Chief Executive of the Nation, to, with their fortune and with their lives, protect, defend and uphold the supremacy of the law. L. R. DIGGS.

Wilberforce Univ., Ohio.

WILL GO TO

Hear McKinley—A Grist Of Personal Happenings.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Many of the Shelbyville people will go to Nashville to hear Gov. McKinley, of Ohio, the Napolean of his day, who is to speak there. G. A. Reams, formerly of Shelbyville, but now of Chicago, passed through the city on the 13th, on his way home after quite a business trip through the South. Mrs. Anna Allen, of Chattanooga, is on a visit to her father, Edmon Tillman, of this city. James Thompson was married to Miss Rebecca Davidson last week. Success to them. E. L. B. Knott will start traveling with a new linament of his own production. It has been tried and not found wanting. The dry goods merchants and the sons of Ham are having trouble. Nine or ten have been put in jail. Quite a lot of clothing was found at their homes, and a horse was taken from one. We are truly sorry for their trouble. Rev. T. J. Stary attended the funeral of Miss Nancy Hart on the 10th. Prof. R. G. Dannel is in the city. Mr. H. C., his brother, is up from Nashville. Mrs. W. M. Donnel, their mother, is sick. Charley Hunt, of Chattanooga, is up to see his mother and sister. Hiram Scales, of Nashville, is up to see his brother. The Literary entertainment in honor of the opening of the Turner high school, was good. Rev. N. L. Mery preached for Rev. J. A. Jones on the 14th. J. B. Hicks is, and has been, a hard student of the bible. He can turn to any passage at once. Mr. McCannan is a first class barber. He is sometimes in Dr. Stanley Thompson's new drug store. He has been with the doctor, from first to last, a good many years and has learned a great deal about drugs. The M. E. church has a new pastor. Rev. Reasonover was sent to Louisburg. Rev. G. L Jackson passed through the city on the 13th. James Gilliland is doing some stone work in Wartrace. George W. Clabron, has been kept quite busy at the carpenter's trade. Dr V. D. Turner was called to Wartrace last week. He has a patient in Nashville. The watch word ought to be of every Negro, "Give me The Freeman!" Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

Accidentally Shot.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Miss Virgie Martin and Wm. H. Dawson, an excellent couple, were wedded Wednesday, Oct. 11th, inst. The ceremony took place at Wm. Mooreland's residence. Mrs. Dawson is a tall brunette, and Mr. Dawson hails from Springfield, and he is an expert barber. They are taking their honeymoon at 421 First street. Mrs. Elvina Hunt died at her home Oct. 9th. Mrs. Hunt has been here two years taking care of her grand children. John Parker and Wm. Maple, two gamesters, became involved in a melee on Mason farm over a game, in which Maple assaulted his foe with a rock and fled. Miss Annie Freeman, who has been very ill, is recovering. Martin's Chapel, of the South side, emersed about four converts Oct. 14th in Cumberland river. Uncle Joe Martin, father of Sam Martin, died Oct. 14th, at Steele Springs. He was about 40 or 50 years old. Rev. Selectman, presiding minister of Zion A. M. E. church, is expected to start a revival soon. Will Ellis, aged 14 years, while out hunting with a companion; in climbing a fence his gun was discharged, taking effect in his thigh, severing an artery. Mrs. J. M. Fowler was attacked by an infamous mulatto tramp Oct 12th. The tramp wanted something to eat, which Mrs. Fowler refused to give him, when in turn he threw a stone at her. John D. Morrow and Miss A. Simmons were wedded at the C. P. church Oct. 16th, Rev J. L. Hill officiating. The Bennett Sisters have been showing here all the week, and were well patronized. Miss M. E. Taylor, the great female evangelist, will arrive here in November. A party was given at the residence of Mrs. Hardin, under the auspices of Misses Ella Moore and Beulah Terry. Willis Griffey, the would-be ravisher, is in captivity in Princeton, Ky, and he barely escaped the mob's hand. Mrs. Selectman and family have returned home. Misses Ida Gill and Maggie Steele have returned, home. George Dixon was arrested by Corporal Robinson, on a charge of horse stealing.

The Educational Institute.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.

Rev. Mixon continues to bring sinners to repentance at the M. E. church. His revival is to go on another week. The Missionary Baptist Association convened at Mt. Lebanon church, Rev. A. B. Brown, pastor, the 11th inst., with a representation of sixty churches of that denomination. Geo. W. Crowley, a graduate of Normal, ex-Secretary of the Missionary Baptist Association and present delegate to the Sunday school convention, came up from his home in Hartzell, Thursday.

Rev. A. B. Brown is to be commended for the excellent accommodation given the delegates last week Sam Pentecost is home again, after several months' absence. The new Educational Institute, under the auspices of the P. Baptists, has obtained its charter and in a short while will issue diplomas. The city school, Rev. J. F. Humphrey, principal, had its grand dedication on the 15th. W. Raleigh Shreeds left last week for Birmingham. Prof. W. H. Councill and the Band were in to the city school dedication on the 15th.

The True Eleven.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

We have here a new organization, known as "The True Eleven," of which Dr. W. H. Hudson, of Atchison Kan., is founder. The organization has only been here about six months, and at this writing is fifty members strong, and the present indications are, that when six months more shall have rolled by, it will have twice its present number. Mr Chas. H. Hicks, has the honor of being Dupty Grand Chief over Missouri and Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. H F. Johnson, attended a re-union of the Odd Fellows, at Neelyville last week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams Martin a fine boy, his name is Jediah La Martin. Mr. Charlie Harris is on the sick list at this writing. Mr. Henry Harrison, who went to St. Louis some time ago for treatment, has returned much improved. We are glad to see it.

Mr. John Henry Wood, who was shot on last Saturday week, by Sumner Johnson is getting alright again. An excursion passed through from Memphis to St. Louis, on the 11th, on account of the St. Louis fair. Those who went from here were Rev. W B. White, Thos. H. Hightower, Geo. Mellon, Henry Gadlin and others. Miss Lula Langford is reported of having been bitten by a flying squarrel. Rev. W. B. White commenced a revival on last Monday night, at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church, and so far so good. The city teachers had their annual meeting on last Monday night. The subject discussed was the "mind," Prof. wheeler gave an interesting talk, and the meeting was a success. Rev. W. B. Whit returned from St. Louis, last Saturday. Mr. Thos. H. Hightower, Geo. Mellon and Henry Galdin, returned from St. Louis, where they went to attend the fair, We are glad to note that The Freeman received a hearty reception here. Those wishing to subscribe for it now, can do so through William B. Davis agent, office Waytt Brothers.

The Old Folk's Concert.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mr. James Turner, of Nashville, spent quite a pleasant time in our city last week, notwithstanding his visit was one of business. Misses Bessie Martin and Sallie Donegan passed through the city last week, en route to Atlanta, where they will again enter Clark University. They spent a few hours with Mrs. Sam Martin, on Whiteside street. Mrs. Steve Randolph is visiting relatives in Topeka, Kan. Mrs. Eugene Reade is much better at this writing. Much credit is due those who took part in the Old Folk's Concert, Thursday night, at the Congregational Church. It was real amusing, and each one acted their part well. It was also a financial success, of which, among others, Rev. J. E. Smith, the pastor, was most proud.

Frank White, the coal dealer on Whiteside street, spent a few hours in Decatur, Ala., last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Alexander entertained a number of young people at their residence on Lookout street last week. R. L. Booth, on Chestnut street, besides ice cream and confectioneries, serves oysters in any style. Give him a call. Dr. Elmore, on Sixth and Broad, is the only colored dentist in the city. He is prepared to do all kinds of dental work and should receive your patronage.

There will be several marriages in our city soon, of which Mr. John Braan and Miss Maggie Hamilton will lead. Hyram Lyree is still on the Aldermanic Board, and is the only colored man on the board. The election resulted in a majority of Democrats. H. Clay Evans is making quite a successful canvass throughout the State, and it is hoped that he will be the next Governor of Tennessee, subject to the action of the Republican party; also Foster V. Brown for Congress. Buy The Freeman at Dr O. W. James' drug store, 403 W. Ninth street, C. E. Newton, agent.

DISTINGUISHED DIVINES PRESENT

Challenged by the Y. M. C. A.—General News Notes.

Wilmington, Del., Special.

Bethel A. M. E. church held its grand rally on the 14th inst. It was a busy day in Bethel. Every soldier was at his post. The following distinguished divines occupied the pulpit: In the morning, Rev. Dr. J B. Stansbury, of Chester, Pa; afternoon, Dr. W. H. Yocum, of Camden, N. J; evening, W. H. Davis, presiding elder of the Wilmington District.

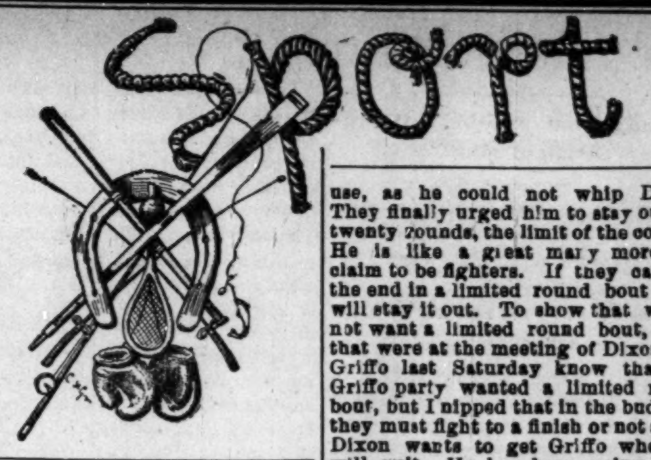
Mrs. Eliza J. Frazier died Wednesday, Oct. 10th, and was buried from Zion M. E. church, of which she was a member, Sunday, 14th inst. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. C. N. Grandison, D. D. Harry E. Spencer is teaching school at Cape May, Miss. Ethel Spencer is home from Philadelphia. The evening school, under the supervision of the public school board, opened on the 8th inst. in school building No. 16. Considerable interest is being manifested on the part of many. Miss Maggie A Elias is principal. Charles Hensly, of Philadelphia, is in the city visiting his brother, Wilson Hensly, 1403 Wilson street.

The Y. M. C. A has sent the Murray Lyceum of Zion M. E. church a challenge to debate with them the question: Resolved, "That education in the United States should be compulsory." The Sunday school of Zion M. E. church will hold a Jubilee for one week commencing Monday, Oct 22nd. A most excellent programme has been arranged: Monday evening, address by Rev. J R. Waters, presiding elder of the Wilmington district; Tuesday, Rev W. J. Jason, of Bambridge St. M E. church, Philadelphia; Wednesday, Dr. C. N. Grandison; Thursday, superintendents of the different Sunday schools will make addresses, and close on Saturday with a hard times entertainment.

The Dexton Social Club.

Danville, Va., Special.

The Presbyterians re-opened their church Sunday October 7th. Rev. Hargrave, D. D., of Biddle University preached three times, morning afternoon and night. The amount, $53 61 was raised There was a delightful social given at the residence of Mrs. L. E. Williams, Holbrook street. Those present were Misses Allen, Hayes, M and C. Scott, A. and E. Joy, and Messrs. Kilgore, Winslow, Sheppard, Crew, Robinson and Newton. The political pot has begun to boil in this section and the voice of the stumper can be heard in the distance. Madame Rumor hath it that one of Danville's fair-daughters will be taken as a better half ere the 25th of December. Miss Susie Buford left on the 6th for her school. Miss Nancy Woody has returned to Hampton to renew her studies. Misses J. E. Shephard and P. Crews, of the Danville Pharmacy will leave for Richmond this week to attend the Pharmacutical examination.



SULLIVAN'S FARM.

John L. Sullivan is trying to buy a farm at South Framingham, Mass.' where he will establish a sanitarium and training quarters for pugilists.

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ED SMITH'S CHALLENGE.

Denver Ed Smith offers to fight Steve O'Donnell before the Olympic Club for any reasonable purse and a side bet of $1,000.

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THE "COFFEE COOLER" TO FIGHT.

Frank Craig, the Harlem "Coffee Cooler," who is now in England, has accepted the challenge of Ted Pritchard, the English heavy-weight.

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FIGHT FOR $5, IF NECESSARY.

James J. Corbett says that nothing should prevent a meeting with Bob Fitzsimmons. "In the event that the fight is prevented in Florida, I'll go to New Orleans," said Corbett. "I am going to fight Fitzsimmons, and am perfectly willing to go where I can do so without interference. There'll be a meeting even if it is for no more than a $5 note."

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CALLED JOHN L. SULLIVAN A COWARD.

Jim Corbett has called John L. Sullivan a coward. Jim could well have left that remark unmade. He has gone out of his way to defame a man who in his day was considered a brave man, a generous hearted one at that. John L. Sullivan's downfall was greeted with more tears than Corbett's funeral will bring, and when the present champion so far forgets himself as to call the ex-champion a name that in no way applies to him, he shows how little of the milk of human kindness flows in his veins. Sullivan fought him as long as he could stand up, and after he was knocked down he tried heroically to rise, but youth had left him, and the pitcher that had gone to the well once too often had been broken. Sullivan, in his defeat, was still a man with an American heart within his breast, and though beaten and broken hearted he had the courage to acknowledge the corn and say that he was glad an American had beaten him, and that the emblem of fistic supremacy had been kept upon his native heath. Jim Corbett, you have gone a step further than was necessary in your talk of the former champion, for the victor who is not generous is less the victor.

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CORBETT'S CLEVER MOVE.

Sporting men are beginning to discuss in earnest the selection of the Florida Athletic Club for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill, and rumored stories of Corbett's secret connection with it. Sports cannot see why Corbett was so anxious to fight in Jacksonville, especially when his meeting with Fitz will not take place for over a year, in which time there will be ample opportunity for the Governor and the Legislature to effectually put a stop to the battle. Corbett's argument when he met the champion middleweight last Thursday week, that Jacksonville was more preferable to New Orleans, in that the former city would tolerate finish fights while the latter would not, sounded rather plausible at the time, but followers of the ring are beginning to see through the whole scheme, and say that Corbett has executed a very clever move. Twenty-five-round battles are permitted under the law in New Orleans, while if the fight should ultimately go to Jacksonville it will probably be prevented, as Governor Mitchell has already stated within the past few days. In the latter event there would be renewed haggling on the part of the fighters and more delay. It has been openly stated that the Dwyers are behind both Corbett and the Florida Athletic Club. This is probably because "Circular Joe" Vendig, who is a member of the Dwyers' commission at the race track, did the bidding for the big match in behalf of the club. But it can be put down for certain that the Dwyers have no connection with the Florida Athletic Club in any way, shape or form. The real backers of the club are Messrs. Smith and Richardson, of Jacksonville, who are well-known business men there. Whether Corbett had any secret understanding with them or not will always be a mystery, but ever since the ghost Sioux City Club came into existence and then went up in smoke, the sports have been decidedly warm.

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DIXON'S SIDE OF THE STORY.

Tom O'Rourke, George Dixon's manager, writes the Philadelphia Record as follows: "In looking over the Scranton paper this morning I saw a dispatch from your paper wherein Griffo makes statements that he knows are lies in regard to his twenty-round bout with Dixon. All you have to do is to refer back to the papers after that fight, and you will see that they read anything else than a fake. To show you that what I say is true, I I will bet $1,000 that the Griffo party wanted to make a fake out of it, and I would not entertain any proposition of the kind. As the public knows, I wanted everything to go to the winner, but the Griffo party wanted an even split of the gate, and I would not do that, but finally conceded to make it 75 and 25 per cent sooner than lose the match, as I felt convinced that Dixon could whip Griffo at any weight, and I feel more convinced now than ever, as I know Griffo is anything but a game man. I am sure he will not go the distance with Dixon. Johnny Griffen, who was one of Griffo's seconds, said right after the fight that Griffo wanted to leave the ring in the sixteenth round, saying it was not any use, as he could not whip Dixon. They finally urged him to stay out the twenty rounds, the limit of the contest. He is like a great many more who claim to be fighters. If they can see the end in a limited round bout they will stay it out. To show that we do not want a limited round bout, those that were at the meeting of Dixon and Griffo last Saturday know that the Griffo party wanted a limited round bout, but I nipped that in the bud, and they must fight to a finish or not at all. Dixon wants to get Griffo where he will quit. He has been going about Australia and this country whipping little fellows and claiming he is a feather-weight, when everybody of any judgment knows he is a large lightweight, as he weighed 135 pounds when he met Dixon and McAuliffe. They are the only two men he has trained for. He has made monkeys out of the rest of the reel, but when he met our best little man, only a 115-pound boy, he squealed like a stuck pig. There is no doubt that he bested Jack McAuliffe, but I will play McAuliffe's end if they ever meet to a finish. Dixon is matched with Griffo at the present for $5,000 a side, and it will have to be to a finish and no limited round bout. Another thing to show that Griffo and Dixon fought on the level in Boston, was that nobody, Mr. Behan or any of Griffo's friends, would bet a nickle with me, and it is the only fight I have not had money up on in some way"

EDWARD WATER'S COLLEGE,

Grand Opening—A Juvenile Wilberforce Rally at the Epworth League.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.

Edward Waters College had an auspicious opening on the 9th inst. About 110 students matriculated on the opening day, as against 78 for the same time of the last scholastic session. All the teachers save one, Miss Linnie Talbert, of Louisville, Ky., reported to President Jno. R. Scott for duty. She, however, wired the President that she would report about the 16th inst.

The principal, Prof. Wm. H. Gibson, Jr., is on hand exercising his old time vigor and conscientiousness about his work, and the students, together with his numerous friends he has made about the college, seem happy over his return. He tells all that Edward Waters College is a juvenile Wilberforce. The present faculty is represented by four of its former students.

Mrs. M. E. Lightburn has gone to join her husband at Palm Beach, Fla. Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church, presided over by Rev. J. B. L. Williams, D. D., had the honor of having Dr. S. B. Henderson, of Troy, Ala., fill its pulpit on one occasion during last Sabbath. The Doctor is a deep thinker and a sound logician, and all who heard him were well pleased with the spiritual truths he disseminated.

The Epworth League Society of Ebenezer M. E. church held a grand rally for the benefit of the church all day on last Sunday. The meetings are reported to have been very successful. Much credit is due its president, Mr. Benedee. The colored people of Jacksonville can boast with pride of a mammoth shoe store, a clothing house and a dry goods establishment fitted out in superb style and in first-class order, equal to any white establishment of the same order anywhere in the city. These give employment to numbers of young men, and women in the role of clerks, etc. Besides these they have many other establishments of a business character, all doing a thriving and flourishing trade, and as liberally patronized by whites as by blacks. Among them we notice groceries, meat markets, fruit stands, drug stores, confectionery stores, etc. These people are wide awake and seem to know and understand the elements which are necessary to them to make the race great and respected.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robinson visited the city this week. The order of Knights of Pythias is very strong here and is making perceptible inroads upon the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities. Their entertainment given at the hall on Monday night was the thing of the season and the crowd present was immense. Mrs. Julia James has been quite ill, but is convalescing. Rev. N. N. Nealy, pastor of Grant's Chapel A. M. E. church, has been confined at his home, 641 Orange street, with dengue fever, which has been very prevalent here for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Emmerson have returned from an extended trip to Washington, D. C., and the East, looking in the pink condition of health—perfect beauties. Mrs. Rebecca Williams, who has been visiting Mrs. Bettie Anderson in this city for the past few weeks, has returned to her home in New York City. She made many new and appreciative friends during her stay. There are many persons on the sick list the victims of dengue fever. Among them are Rev. R. B. Braddock, Mrs. Jeremiah Whitesell, James Wallace and Mrs. R. J. Braden.

Messrs. J. W. Jones and E. M. Williams, two of the most enterprising young colored men in Jacksonville, have recently opened up a combination store on a large scale, consisting of groceries, meats, vegetables, household wares, millinery goods, etc. They will do a flourishing business, as their general popularity is assurance of that fact. Mr. D. S. B. Belling, the popular member of the Board of Health, has returned from his trip in attendance upon the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, at Boston, Mass. J. J. Porter and Miss Lizzie Crump were happily united in the bonds of wedlock on last Wednesday night.

A Wide-Awake Town.

Dardanelle, Ark., Special.

Business is opening up in our town and the hearts of our merchants are being made glad. I. H. Edwards, the proprietor of the City barber shop, went to Little Rock last week. J. E. Helm, the proprietor of the Palace barber shop, who came here from Marvell, this state, is doing a good business and has some of the best trade of the town. Rev. Shepard, an aged man who had been sick for fifteen months, was buried the 13th.

Theory of Kindergarten Methods

A Study from Froebel's "Education of Man."

BY ELIZABETH H. BAKER, NASHVILLE, TENN.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

SECOND "GIFT" OF THE KINDERGARTEN—SPHERE, CUBE, CYLINDER.

Froebel's second gift consists of a sphere, cube and cylinder, all made of hard wood and neatly put up in a box. The box also contains two sticks, each six inches in length, to be used as diameters. The cube and cylinder each have three diameters, i. e., vertical, horizontal and oblique. There are also three small brass eyelets, to which strings may be attached.

The sphere, when twirled on its axis, or at the end of the string, like the ball, always presents the same form; unlike the ball, it is hard, smooth, reasonant and heavy.

The cube is the complete opposite to the sphere. The sphere represents motion; the cube, rest. The sphere is always convex; the cube presents flat faces, corners, angles, edges. The cube revolved on its vertical axis loses its cubical form and becomes, apparently, a cylinder; revolved on the axis of the edges, a conic form is presented, and revolved on the axis of the corners, a double cone presents itself.

Little children, yes and older boys and girls, too, twirl these little objects for hours at a time with deepest interest and enjoyment.

Pure Geometry will prove only a delightful pastime to these keenly observant eyes, for they have learned "to see." There will be no mysticism in their minds as to the difference between angles and corners. Vertical lines, horizontal lines; acute angles, right angles; triangles and pentagons, will be as familiar to them as A B C's. "Thorough knowledge is the necessary condition for the complete conception or perfect understanding of any object; with such knowledge we may easily pass to the conception of higher things."

The organic point of relationship between this gift and the first is the sphere. The sphere is like the ball in form, but unlike it in color, material, hardness and weight, and thus forms a connecting link from the "known to the unknown." This law of opposites is the chain, of which comparison and observation of contrasts are the links, to bind into one beautiful and harmonious whole the seemingly unconnected trinity of elements about us.

The world about us is composed of three distinct kingdoms. While yet in their lower forms, they gradually draw nearer to each other and seem to overlap like three circles, so that we can scarcely decide whether a zo-ophyte is an animal or a mineral; whether a sponge is an animal or a vegetable; whether a diatome is a mineral or a vegetable. So while there are three kingdoms there is only one world, and these three are perfect in one. Thus the mineral kingdom is connected with the animal kingdom by plants, objects without sensation and yet possessing life. Man also is an example of opposites. He possesses both a spiritual and animal nature, which is intermediated by an intellectual nature, and these three are perfect in one. Also God represents eternity, the world represents temporal, the man, Christ Jesus, is the perfect mean.

Froebel was the first to apply this law to educational methods. This maxim we have emphasized in this gift. The sphere represents unity; the cube, manifoldness. The sphere represents mobility; the cube, rest, inertness. These are intermediated by the cylinder, which has some of the mobility of the sphere, some of the restfulness of the cube; some of the curves of the sphere, some of the flat surfaces of the cube.

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Negro Democrats Skotched.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I notice in your issue of the 29th inst, two communications, one of the 6th and 16th inst. from one, T. Alexander Beckam, addressed to the Hon. Grover Cleveland, humbly begging of his excellency a reply, but I notice that his excellency did not reply until the Negro should tell him that he was a Democrat and an acknowledged leader of his race, representing the great party of which his excellency stands at the head and wished to be fully equiped for the nearing campaign of which his ability would soon be brought to test. While I commend some of Mr. Beckam's questions, I bitterly condemn his resort, as I well know, that no Afro-American of intelligence, can purchase Democrat stock with security properly to secure Are in other words, no intellegent Negro can be a Democrat and ther command protection. While his excellency in his frivolous reply to Mr. Beckam's most humble request was not at all what was hoped,as Mr. Beckam so expressed himself as being very needy of some foundation to use as an issue preparatory to the approaching campaign.

I would have been glad if his high excellancy had resorted to a more severe attact upon his humble follower,instead, of replying, applying and applied to (T. Alex Beckam's) head a club equal in size to that of a large base ball bat. Then perhaps he (T. Alex Beckam,s) mental vision would be rendered more clear and perhaps he would find an end to the throwing off the unwanted bill. Mr. T. Alex Beckam says he is a Democrat for the interest of his party, country and race. If Mr. Beckam was intelligent he would know the Democratic party is of no interest to this country and his ignorance to consider Democracy as being beneficial to his race, (that is, if he is a Negro) which he surely is.

Will Mr. Beckam point out to me through the medium of his kindness, one benefit that his race has received civilly at the hands of the Democrat party, and I will point to fifty to each one at the hands of the Republican party. What law does the Democrat State legislation make that benefits the Negro race? Where is a State that has always had Democratic rule, that a Negro has hotel and restaurant privileges? It is Mr. Beckam's party who every day mobs and slaughters those of his race, why should he complain? To think of a Negro Democrat who cannot look back to the fourth generation of his ancestors without hearing some of them groan under the lash of slavery, and who, was it not for their humble prayers, and blessings of Almighty God to determinate the strong hold of Democracy and their rule, he (Beckam) like all other Negroes of today would not be allowed to draw a free breath—much less to throw off bile which tells one of their ignorance and that their words are as vain as their deeds, perishable. Fare well, all Negro Democrats. You deserve no place in this country so long as all the civil rights are distributed from the hands of the Republican party. Long live The Freeman, and its editor.

JAMES F. BED.

A "Nigger" Democrat Taken to Task.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

On the 22nd ult my attention was attracted to an article in the Montgomery Advertiser, under the caption of "An intelligent Negro speaks from Washington." To this article I beg space in your columns to reply. In the afore said article a "nigger" Democrat arraings Miss Ida B. Wells and her associates for denouncing the Southern white people for the whole sale slaughter of our people. I hope this "nigger" Democrat will not be guilty of being so loud mouthed again in his denunciation of a thing wrong in all its parts. If he does not believe the whites of the South lynch Negroes for naught; let him come South and take up his abode in some of the rural precincts and advise Negroes to vote with the Repblicans, to resent insults to protect their wives and children, and see how long before the country will be appraised of his death, which came about at midnight by an infuriated mob. And news papers will tell everything that was said and done and that the mob was composed of the citizens, and yet no arrest will ever be made. Give up your Democrat proclivities and come South and try the course prescribed above, and if you don't suffer the same fate with those whom Miss Wells and her associates have in striving to defend them I will pay for lying.

Now this same "nigger" Democrat says that if Miss Wells spent some of her time and talent in the South leading our people to a higher sphere of morality, it would more become her. While I am willing to agree with the Prof. that there is room for moral improvement among our people, it is more needed by the other race. Is it reasonable to suppose that a race who has ever shown the greatest animal propensities with naught to hinder, dread or molest should turn to be such a saintly people, and that people who have ever been the victims to this aforesaid vicious and lascivious people should in turn become the arch fiend of their oppressors while they show no disposition to desist in their villainy and outrages upon their victims who belong to a helpless minority?

If the answer is yes to this question, let me again invite him South to take up his abode among some of these lascivious midnight marauders to quickly become otherwise. This 'nigger" Democrat and not Miss Wells, is running the wrong trail. Yours for equity, justice and truth.

C. DAVIS HAYGOOD.
Selma, Dallas Co., Ala.

The Lessons That History Teach.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—From the day our fore parents ate of the forbidden fruit and were driven from their home in paradise on account of disobedience, history abounds in instances that illustrates the truth of our subject. Alexander, who wept for other worlds to conquer, died at the early age of 33, a victim to his crimes and excesses. Cæsar, who by the resistless power of his eloquence, could sway the people of Rome at will; who wielded the sword with skill and power; whose eyes sparkled only on the field of battle while gazing on his victorious eagles, suffered death at the hands of sixty conspirators. Napoleon, who made the whole earth ring with his mighty deeds, and Kings at the mention of his name would hug their tottering thrones in fear; whose banners moved victorious on every height, from the icy shores of Russia to the sunny plains of Egypt and Spain; whose career gained new lustre at every waive of hand, Napolean advanced from victory till justice awakened by the clash of steel and the roar of artillery on the bloody field of Waterloo, arose in her majesty and hurled him from the pedestal of human destiny, into the lowest depths of humiliation, and left him to pine away on the storm-beaten isle of St. Helena.

The history of nations, and states as well as individuals, confirms the truth of our proposition. Egypt persecuted and enslaved the weak tribes of Israel and to-day it is a waste of ruins. The serfs of France were trodden under foot by the feudal Lords. They were impoverished by exhorbitant taxes, worn out by constant labor and used as means of gratifying the base passion of their haughty masters. But justice at length awoke, and Kings, Queens, Nobles and Priests were forced to the guillotine, and the streets of her gay capital ran with blood. For many long years the people of the South have borne the oppresser's rod; the iron heel of despotism has ground the people to the earth. Thieves have entered the sacred precincts of the polling room, thrust their political hands into the ballot box and defeated the will of a soverign people. All civil and political rights are denied them, the dearest right of an American citizen has been denied them, to cast a vote untrammeled and have that vote counted as cast. Their petitions for redress and rightful demands have been treated with scorn, and they have been forced to cry out in agony. When will justice awake? Their cry has been heard, the day of retribution is at hand, and woe is the ballot box stuffers and their henchmen, who so long trampled upon the rights of the people. Public sentiment is so aroused that ministers are boldly preaching that they will not longer keep silent when a party attempts to reward rascality with a public trust. The people of Alabama are brave, true and long suffering, but the day of thieving at the ballot box is past in Alabama, and the organized Democracy of the 4th Congressional District had as well prepare for a burial.

REV. W. F. SMITH,
Decatur, Ala.

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Texarkana, Tex , Special.

The "Twin City" is now free from the small pox epidemic that so destructively visited our city in the spring. The pest house was ably presided over by our eminent Dr. E. E. Stevens. It was found that he had a better knowledge of small pox than any of the doctors of the "superior race," hence color cut no figure when he was needed anywhere. The doctor has a very extensive practice here, showing in many cases to be worthy of the three diplomas that he has in his possession, the last of which was conferred on him by the Medical College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, in '93. Our public schools opened last Monday with the right man in the right place,Prof. A. B. Crump, A. B.,principal; Mrs Stevens, Miss M. P. Deverreau and Mrs. M. P. Washington, assistants. Enrollment first day, 200. Prof. Miller also opened a very nice school the same day. The great annual A. M. E, Conference is to convene here Nov. 7th, with the "African Hero" presiding. Many distinguished men are expected to be present The fervent members of the A. M. E. church are making every preparation to entertain the distinguished guests. Many Afro-Americans of our city are doing fairly well and are in good business. However we need more union. Miss Missie N. Shackelford and many others of our literary talent left on the 8th for their places in Crockett Seminary. We hope soon to have every family in Texarkana and vicinity to take The Freeman, the leading colored journal.

The Literary Institution.

Cuthbert, Ga., Special.

Miss Maggie Eldridge, of Americus, Ga., is in the city visiting relatives. W. A. Pugh, who has been attending school at the Howard Normal, left for his home in Howe, Ala , Saturday. The Literary Institution is exciting the interest of many. It now has an enrollment of nearly two hundred members. Much good may be accomplished if it is governed in the right way, or if its principles be executed properly. Miss V. E. Clark, organist of the Literary Institution, performed her duty excellently. Prof. W. R. Lee, of Jernigan, Ala , and Prof. Jas. S. Evans, will open school at their homes November 1st. A grand entertainment will be given by the Odd Fellows at their hall Friday evening. It is related that Cuthbert has more school teachers and preachers in its vicinity than any place known. E. W. Rhodes composed a splendid essay for the benefit of the Literary Institution. Jesse Caloway failed to perform the part given him by the Literary Institution He must have been catching 'possums. Hurrah! Hurrah for The Freeman.

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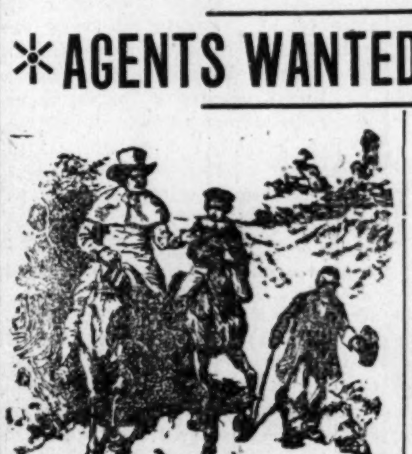

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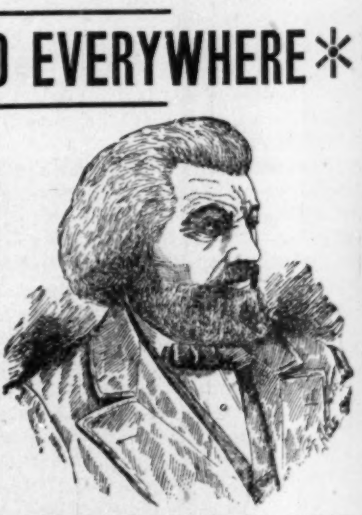

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THE SUMMER GIRL'S RETURN.

The summer girl is home again,
  Her cheeks tanned to the brown,
Clear hue of health so seldom seen
  Within the heated town.
Fresh air and exercise have done
  For her their level best.
Her eyes are bright, and life has now
  For her unwanted zest

What matters it how many hearts
  Are suffering cruel wounds?
The summer girl has had her fun
  And gained just eighteen pounds.
To her flirtation is but sport,
  And when she's tired of love
She flings it from her, as she might
  A faded wornout glove.

She's had fun at the mountains,
  And she's had fun at the beach
While tantalized young men have found
  Her just beyond their reach.
She's flirted, waltzed and walked with all
  With preference for none,
And many a youth has grieved to find
  That he was not the one.

And now she's home again at last,
  Her loveliness enhanced
By all the leagues she's rowed and sailed
  And all the miles she's danced
She's home again, far sweeter than
  She was before she went,
And if the world could see her heart
  It couldn't find a dent.

—Somerville Journal.

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Ida Lewis, who has attained prominence through being the only woman lighthouse keeper, is at present in charge of the Lime Rock lighthouse at the south end of Newport harbor. She owns to 50 years of age, but does not look it, being still strong and active. Her salary is reported as being $750 per year.

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It is well to remember that the flat end of a cork is the very handiest thing one can use for scouring steel knives and forks. Dampen the cork slightly, dip it in the powdered bathbrick or fine coal ashes, and the scouring will be so quickly accomplished that you will never return to the old method of using a cloth.

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Mrs. Emma Scott, a well known colored lady of Chicago, and who has been traveling through the United States the past year, giving concerts, is at present in British Columbia, where she is meeting with much success. She recently gave a Columbian concert in San Francisco, and the Press of that city speaks highly of her ability as a music director and successful manager.

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One of the newest and daintiest neck garnitures consists of a deep, pointed guipure collar, attached to a stock collar of chiffon, ornameted with a large, full chou rosette of the same, and ornamented with a Fedora vest of the chiffon. These lovely bodice trimmings come in black pink, white and yellow, green and white, biuet and black, etc. They are easily made and universally becoming, giving a softened effect to a gown of the most severe cut, and thus are appropriate for home over plain waists.

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The Wellesley girls have a new boathouse, which cost $3,000. Each class owns its boat, and the crew receive training under Miss Hill, the head of the athletic department, and the girls have discarded skirts when boating and wear gymnasium blouses and Turkish trousers. Float day, when they all appear on the lake, is one of the great festivities of the college. An athletic field, with a running tract, is another acquisition to the college grounds. Tennis and bicycling are old stories to these athletic young women.

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The Duchess of Winchester put into her guest chamber a curious Swiss clock to which was attached a printed notice: "Please do not touch?" When M. Joly, the Canadian Liberal, visited her grace he ventured to inquire the reason for the prohibition. "You are the twentieth man who has asked that question," replied the Duchess gleefully.

"Women, you know, are supposed to be proverbially curious, and I put that placard on the clock to test the same weakness in men, and I am happy to say I find them not a whit less curious than women. I keep a list of all the gentlemen who have asked me the question you have just put, and there has been only one exception among all my guests who has occupied the room; that was Mr. Fawcett, the late Postmaster-General, and he, poor man, was blind."

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A curious incident is related as taking place in a wells known church recently. A wedding was being solemnized, the contracting parties being a lady and gentleman who move in the fashionable circles of society, while in the corner of the church stood a youthful couple, a mulatto boy and girl. The pair watched the ceremony intently, and copied each moment made by the bride and bridegroom, whom the priest was making man and wife. As they knelt down so did the other couple kneel, and when the bridegroom placed the ring on the bride's finger the young mulatto did likewise. At length, when the procession emerged from the church, the humble couple followed, looking as if they were married. It transpired that such was, deed, their belief They had no money wherewith to pay the priest or the fees, so they thought a marriage at second hand would be just as affective and cost nothing.

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Many Visitors There.

Salt Lake City, Utah., Special.

Your Leadville correspondent has informed you of the great Mormon Temple Tabernacle, and also given you a short history of our beautiful city. She also described our famous bathing resorts. The great Mormon conference commenced the 2nd of October and lasted until the 7th. The Territorial Fair is this week, hence the city is crowded with visitors. Over 100 excursionists from Colorado have taken advantage of the cheap rates and are here for the Fair. J. W. Young, of Leadville, Colo., is in the city. Mrs. Rosette L. Price, of Cheyenne, Wyo., will arrive in the city to-morrow and will be the guest of Mrs. Ellen Washington. Sunday, last Rev. Waxfield preached his farewell sermon and left to attend conference at Helena, Mont, which convened the 11th inst. Mrs. Waxfield accompanied him. Mrs. Jennie Lyons is on the sick list. The Autumn Leaf club will meet to-night at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Stevens. C. B. Dawson has returned to Zion There was a surprise party at Mrs. A. Calloway's last Wednesday evening. Dancing and card playing was the order of the evening. A dainty lunch was spread at a late hour, of which all partook, and it then being late they departed. Friends, don't ask the loan of the paper, but give us your subscription for it.

Will Deliver an Address.

Macon City, Mo., Special.

Next Friday L. W. Johnson, of Palmyra, Mo, will deliver an address befor the College Atheneum, at Macon City, on the political issues of the day. He is a coming politician. Dr O. A Taylor, of Macon City, is meeting with marked success. The Baptist college is meeting with success under the presidency of Dr. E. L. Scruggs. James Coleman was elected president of the Home Missionary Society.

What Ingersoll Believes.

I believe in the cheerful view, in looking at the sunny side of things, in bearing with fortitude the evils of life, in struggling against adversity, in finding the fuel of laughter even in disaster, in having confidence in to-morrow, in finding the pearl of joy amid the flints and shards, and in changing by the alchemy of patience even evil things to good. I believe in the gospel of cheerfulness, of courage and good nature. Of the future I have no fear. My fate is the fate of the world—of all that live. My anxieties are about this life, this world. About the phantoms called gods and their impossible hells I have no care, no fear. The existence of God I neither affirm nor deny. I wait. The immortality of the soul I neither affirm nor deny. I hope—hope for all of the children of men.

I have never denied the existence of another world, nor the immortality of the soul. For many years I have said that the idea of immortality, that like a sea has ebbed and flowed in the human heart, with its countless waves of hope and fear beating against the shores and rocks of time and fate, was not born of any book, nor of any creed, nor of any religion. It was born of human affection, and it will continue to ebb and flow beneath the mists and clouds of doubt and darkness as long as love kisses the lips of death. What I deny is the immortality of pain, the eternity of torture. After all, the instinct of self-preservation is strong. People do not kill themselves on the advice of friends or enemies. All wish to be happy, to enjoy life; all wish for food and roof and raiment, for friends, and as long as life gives joy the idea of self-destruction never enters the human mind.—New York World.

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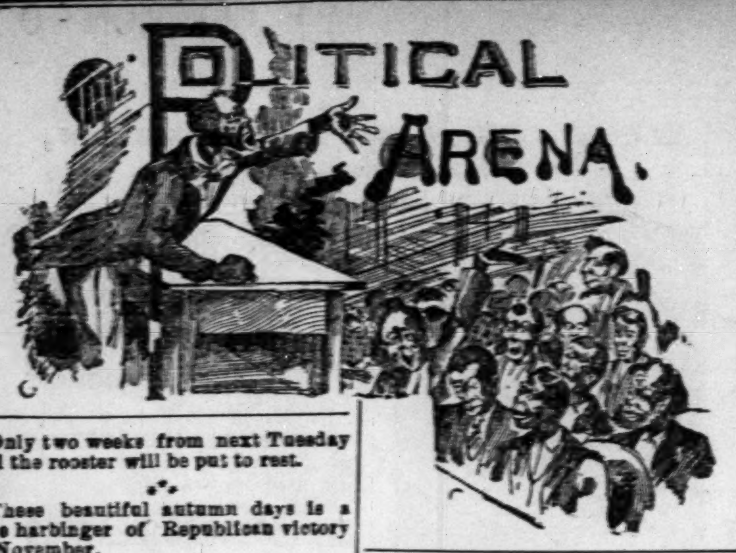
POLITICAL ARENA.

Only two weeks from next Tuesday and the rooster will be put to rest.

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These beautiful autumn days is a sure harbinger of Republican victory in November.

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Close ranks, steady, march! Same old party gentlemen. Every good citizen and Republican is expected to do his duty.

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Messrs. W. W. Christy, Jos. Broyles, Geo. Whitlock, President Jackson of the Harry Smith club, and R. B. Bagby are doing yoeman service this beautiful autumn time for the party.

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The disappointment and "soreness" over the failure of the colored man to obtain a place on the legislative ticket is fast disappearing. That is as it should be. Republican dissatisfaction is Democratic opportunity.

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Any talk about Republican conflict is bosh. There may be honest differences over minor matters, but in pursuit of the one great object, the cleaning up of the Democratic hosts, there is an unanimity of Republican determination beautiful to behold.

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Messrs. Hill, Christy and Manning report they have been working for their party in different sections of the State, other than this, there seems to be no record of the same. Can it be that Indiana Democracy is ashamed to acknowledge receiving aid from their Negro henchmen.

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The meeting held Tuesday night at Antioch Baptist church to recommend and endorse a colored man as candidate for County Clerk, to fill the vacancy on the ticked caused by the death of Aurelius Joyce, was not largely attended. There was a decided sentiment against the idea.

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Hark!
Listen!!
Don't you hear them?
Tramp, tramp, the boys are coming,
Down with the bandanna
And up with the stars,
We'll rally 'round the flag, boys,
Rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom.

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The Harvey Smith Republican club has organized with the following roster of officers: President, W. H. Jackson; vice, Harvey Kenedy; secretary, Wm Fisher; assistant secretary, Columbus McMurry; treasurer, A. H Scott. President Jackson's speech accepting office, is spoken of as a masterly effort. In language that fairly flamed with eloquent periods, he predicted Republican victory in November, and the downfall of the serried hosts of unwashed Democracy. It was a great effort.

CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Frank Baughmnn is able to be out again.

Henry Anderson contemplates removing to the Windy city.

Wm. Rayno has returned to the city from his visit to Kentucky.

Frank Merman and Miss Zuetta Lucas were recently married.

Moses Philips is confined to his sick room, at 117 Ft. Wayne avenue.

Miss Nettie Glenn, of Chicago, is visiting friends on the South Side.

Little Edna Parry, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Parry, is very sick.

William Bogan has returned, after two weeks' visit at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Mrs. John McAfee, who resides on W. Fifth street, is home from the Fall City.

Creole Switches on sale at Ladies' department of the Bates house barber shop.

Edward Hanley and several friends of Cincinnati, O., were in the city last Sunday.

Charles Smith, of Louisville, Ky., was the guest of Miss Mamie Smith last week.

Mrs. John Plummer, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Georgia Porter, on Camp street.

The Clay-Gist Concert Co. sang at the Ninth Presbyterian church on last Tuesday night.

Olsy F. Spiller, a clerk in the St Louis, Mo, postoffice, was in the city last week visiting friends.

Mr. Frank Warren, of Mackinac, Mich., has accepted a position in the Bates House Shaving parlors.

Aaron O'Connor and wife, have returned from Hot Springs, Ark. They will spend the winter in Florida.

Miss Elnora Vancleave, who has been quite sick at her residence, on Hill avenue, is rapidly improving.

Silas Gibson, Frank Rector and B W. Maxwell, of Hamilton, O., were in the city last Sunday seeing the sights.

If you want to see something nice and tasty, visit Pap's store and see the beautiful colored doll baby on exhibition.

James Johnson gave a social party at his residence on N. Noble street, near Michigan street, on last Wednesday evening.

Miss Lizzie Glover entertained a number of her friends at a tea party on last Tuesday evening prior to her departure to Chicago.

William Goins and sister, Mrs. Flora Fretwell, who has been the guests of Mrs. Ellen Williams, have returned to their home at Martinsville, Ind.

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas and daughter, Mrs. Ella McElroy, have returned from Kentucky and have taken up their residence on Roanoke street.

Prof. William T. Tiester and wife, of Crawfordsville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Floyd, 166 W. First street, during the past week.

Jessie Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell will have a social gathering of young folks at her residence, on W. Vermont street, on next Wednesday evening.

Miss Emma Hillman returned to her home in Evansville, Ind., last Saturday, after a pleasant stay in our city, the guest of Miss Nettie Maud Christy.

There will be a Colonial Tea party given at No. 623 Capitol avenue, Monday evening, Oct. 22nd, under the management of Miss Myrtle Hart, for the benefit of the Ninth Presbyterian church. All are cordially invited to attend.

The communion of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the Ninth Presbyterian church to-morrow at 3 p. m. All pastors and their congregations are cordially invited to commune with us. Rev. E. A. Allen, of the Sixth Presbyterian church, will preach the Sacramental sermon on said occasion. Baptizing at 11 a. m., immediately after services.

Persona Mention.

W. H. Corbin and wife, of Paris, Kentucky, are at present in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smoot, N. California street.

Mr. Lusien Harrison, who is well known in Chattanooga, where he was in the employment of one Dr. Tripp, for several years, he is now in Duluth, Minn., in business with his brother.

The Cincinnati "Galaxy."

"The Enterprise Galaxy," one of Cincinnati's crack social clubs, visited our city last Sunday and were royally entertained by the Tuxedo club. The reception was not as complete as it might have been. After visiting many places of interest, including Bethel Sabbath School, they were ushered into the cozy parlor of Miss Duretta Dixon where the young ladies made it pleasant for them. Quite an amusing program was rendered including a tenor solo, by Mr. Lawrence Chenault, Allen Temple's favorite singer. Later, after many pleasant farewells, they were escorted to the Depot by the club. All expressed themselves as being well pleased with the proceedings of the day. Welcome, again gallant "Galaxy."

"Stormed" Brother Martin.

Monday night the members of Corinthian Baptist church stormed their pastor, Rev. E B. Martin, they left a barrel and a 50 pound sack of flour, sugar, plenty canned and other good things. One good sister sent a bed quilt, and some sent their part in money, in compliment of good leadership in paying off the last cent of their indebtidness on the church property.

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After having charge of the Surgical Wards at the city Hospital for the four montds just past, Dr. Furness has been put in charge of the Medical and Obstetrical Wards. The first instance of the kind in the history of the race.

Pleased With Their Teacher.

Junction City, Ill., Special.

Mrs. J. A. Riley, a competent lady, is our teacher this year. It is through her we learned of your valuable paper. Our children are doing better this year than ever. Deacon Hammer is building a fine frame house. Deacon Jones is making preparation to build an "L" to his new house on the farm of which he has 80 acres under cultivation. Mr. Bonner is preparing to gather his crop. He has built a new barn. Jerry Kanway will build soon in the city. Miss Rhodia Hammer has been very sick, but is able to be out. Everybody is a Baptist but the teacher.

NEW PASTOR "RECEPTED."

A Democratic Barbecue—The Mission Of Mercy.

Quincy, Ill., Special.

A reception by the members of the A. M. E. church, was tendered their new pastor and his family on their arrival here last Monday evening. Rev. Harry Lackey has been appointed here for the coming year. We predict a wonderful success for him and his church. A fine program was rendered. Prof. Daniels in a neat speech, gave the welcome address. Rev. Chavis, of the Baptist church also welcomed him to the city, and to the members of his church. Rev. Lacky responded with a few chosen words. After the audience had received a personal introduction to the minister's family, they retired to the basement, where an elegant lunch was served.

Credit was due Mrs. Monroe and Johnson for the splendid management of the affair. The democrats held their barbecue here last week. Among the prominent democrats present were vice president Stevenson, Gov. Stone, of Missouri, assistant attorney, General Scofield, of Illinois. They all did their best to explain how we were prospering under a democratic administration. Under a democratic administration we ought to thank God we are living. One of the speakers tried to explain how Cleveland was a better man than Lincoln. I will agree with the speaker on one point, Lincoln helped free the colored people, while Cleveland helped free all the laboring men from work. Out of 3,000 colored people in Quincy, there is only one colored democrat. We leave him in the hands of the Lord.

Among the different organizations of which we are proud is the society called the Mission of Mercy. Its object is to care for the sick. They have rented a room in the Blessing hospital for sick colored people, who are unable to take care of themselves. They have already done a great deal of good. Commending words for this society can be heard from all classes of people. The following are the officers: President, M. Johnson; vice president, Mrs. William Ellis; secretary Susie Monroe; treasurer, Mrs Montague. They will give the first oyster supper of the season at Mrs. William Ellis' residence, Oak street. The organization is identified with the A. M E. church. R. A. Byrd acted as superintendent of the Oak street Sunday school last Sunday in place of editor Allen, who has been in St. Louis. The editor and wife have returned from the exposition, and report a fine time. Ernest Hall made a flying trip to Hannibal to see his best girl last Sunday. It is reported that two of the Lincoln school lady teachers will soon be married. The fortunate young men hail from Chicago and Springfield, Ill. The principal of the schools is said to be looking sad. William Ellis. the popular clerk at Tremont, will spend part of the week in Chicago. Dr. Blint has made a reputation as a successful treater of catarrh. Some of the prominent rich people of the city are under his treatment. The Lincoln school teachers will soon visit the Hannibal schools. Now is the time to subscribe for The Freeman. Delivered at your doors by the agent, Theo. Burgess. Keep abreast with the times. Don't drag your feet while riding in the chariot of progress raising a dust, but get in and ride.

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Opening of School.

Decatur, Ala., Special.

The public school is open with eighty-nine pupils. Miss M B. Rice and M. E. Garth are teachers. The literary society was entertained grandly last Tuesday night, at Mr. and Mrs. Allen. David Hall entered Central Tennessee, College in Nashville. Miss Mariah Murphy entered the school in Athens. Mr. B. W. Lemons has built a nice three room cottage. Mrs. S. S Sykes and Mrs Brown are on the sick list. St. Paul M. E. church is conducting a series of successful meetings. Rev. A. Jordan, of Okion, is assisting in the meeting. Mr. W. A. Harris has built a new store and improved his residence. Mr. C. N. McDaniel is running a successful grocery business. Mrs. Annie Houstin and Mrs Jones who have been on the sick list are up again. Miss Dora Higgans from Athens, is stoping with Mr. Getis. Mrs. Ida Mosely is visiting relations in Huntsville. Mr, Charley Jefferson, the wide-awake agent for The Freeman, finds no trouble in selling his papers. Mr. J. D. Mosely, C. P. Sykes, Charley Ross and Rev. J. M. Hooks, have gone to Huntsville, to attend the United States Court. Rev. G. Gardner closed his revival last week, with five conversions. Rev. J. Herd is running a revival. Mr. Dan Miller and Ben Hays have quit barbering. Dr. W. E. Sterrs is having a very fine practice among both colors. Decatur is doubtless proud of their colored doctor.

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Reward Offered for Lynchers.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Little Rock has a spirit of activity. The people are building up again. We haven't heard anything more about the three colored men that were lynched at McGehee. The Governor has offered $200 dollars reward for each one of the lynchers. There is a chance for some one. Sell's-Brothers show was here last week. Thousands of dollars was given the show by the people, and yet when they are asked to subscribe to a race paper, they say the times are too hard. I intend to find out how many of our school teachers, preachers, lawyers and doctors, subscribe for any paper of the race. We know some who wouldn't loose two minutes time with a colored paper, but they pride themselves of being such race lovers. All that I will tell such people, is the tree is known by the fruit it bears.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Neal, The Freeman's traveling agent of Dardanelle, Ark., and he is a wide-awake young man, and we feel safe in saying that Mr. Neal will never let the interest of The Freeman go lacking He goes from here to Pine Bluff, we wish him success in his tour over the State. Call on S. W. Moore at 1804 Cumberland street, and subscribe for The Freeman. You can get club rates. Just think $1.00 in clubs you can get it for fifty-two weeks sent to your door. Its the greatest race paper on earth.

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Politics is pretty warm around and about these "diggings." Persons can be seen on most every corner in small bunches discussing who will and who can't.

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